

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL READERS

Georgina Farm Canvass
Wins Praise As ExampleWAR SAVINGS PLEDGES OF
\$915 MONTHLY WIN
PRAISE

The War Savings committee for the township of Georgina, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry Corner of Pefferlaw, have turned in an interim report of the war savings purchases and pledges they have obtained so far. This committee is composed of the members of the Women's Institute of Pefferlaw and other women's bodies in Georgina. These patriotic war savings workers called on every farm in the township and have produced over \$915 worth of war savings pledges. Pledges are still coming in.

"Here is a concrete example of what results can be obtained by citizens who are interested in working for victory," comments W. H. A. Thorburn, war savings supervisor, Toronto. "Some municipal bodies have not backed war savings, feeling that their citizens could not save and lend. The war savings workers in the township of Georgina have shown these places up very badly. Results can be obtained if the will is there."

IN THE FIGHT
FOR FREEDOM

Doings of those serving
their country on land,
on the sea, and in the air.

Contributions welcomed
for this column—Phone
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AC2 Bruce Prest of the R.C.A.F., Trenton, passed the examinations held there recently and is now stationed in New Brunswick.

AC2 Harold Rutledge has been transferred from No. 6 R.C.A.F. training school, Toronto, to the elementary flying school at Goderich.

Sgt. Percy Pemberton arrived safely in England recently, according to a letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Pemberton.

Gordon Ough of the R.C.A.F., who has been stationed in Toronto, is now at Goderich.

WILL HOLD FIRST XMAS
REUNION SINCE 1883

A family reunion will be held on Christmas night at the home of Mrs. W. R. Ashenhurst, when her sister, Mrs. H. J. Crowder, Newmarket, and her two brothers, Dr. D. J. Bagshaw, Toronto, and Dr. D. E. Bagshaw, Saginaw, Mich., and her daughter, Mrs. D. B. Beckett, Queensville, and Mr. Beckett, will be guests.

This is the first time that the family have all been together for Christmas since 1883.

Hostess To Newmarket
R.C.A.F. Officer Writes

Mrs. H. Ernest Saxon has received the following letter from Mrs. Adams, Cliff Close, Highcliffe, Hants, who entertained her son, Pilot Officer Jack Malcolm, recently:

"Every Saturday, four R.A.F. dominion officers or sergeants come out here by bus from Bournemouth. They play tennis and have tea and then I take them around Highcliffe castle. The grounds adjoin ours. They are most interested, as it is full of lovely things and one lovely: as the late German emperor put up a window, when he entered the castle before the last war, as he meant to live there when England was conquered.

"Your son was in great form and is hoping to come out again, but they are moved on so quickly I seldom have the same ones out again, but if they are wounded (God forbid) or seedy, they all come to me to convalesce. I always ask them if they'd like me to write to their mothers or wives and they think it is a grand idea.

We have a lovely home stretching down to the sea, and our own private beach, but alas, this summer all bathing was stopped. Curse Hitler! but the Russian news is so much better that maybe it won't be long now! I can't tell you what we feel about your boys leaving their country and homes to come and fight for the motherland. I know how you must miss them. But they'll seem so cheerful and willing to have a go at the enemy."

Yours sincerely,
H. W. Adams.

WHAT? EARLY AGAIN?

Next week's Era will appear on Wednesday due to Thursday being New Year's day. Early copy from advertisers and correspondents will be appreciated. If correspondents could send news of Christmas visitors for typesetting this weekend it would help greatly.

N. H. S. Honor Roll

Middle and Upper School
During the past week reports were issued to pupils of the middle and upper school classes at Newmarket high school. The reports covered the work of the fall term, including the Christmas examinations. Only the names of those pupils who obtained an average of at least 65 percent with no failures are given in the following lists; the names are in order of merit:

Grade XI A—Vera Belugin, Ina Walker, Jean Case, Audrey Hunt, Mary Jean Marritt, Doris Eves, Eleanor Crandell, Lillian Connell.

Grade XI C—Marion Young, Dorothy Dales, Margaret Goldsmith.

Grade XII A—Dorothy Gartschore, MacCallum King, Patti Connell, Eula Pollock.

Grade XII B—Betty Ross, Georgia Wales, Phyllis Allen.

Grade XII C—Shirley Stephens, Betty Dales.

Grade XIII—Laura Horner, Jean Cunningham, Jean Howlett, Evelyn Murrell.

H. S. DALEY DIES AT 83,
LIVED HERE SINCE 1915

A resident of Newmarket since 1915, Henry Stephen Daley died at his Prospect St. home on Thursday morning in his 84th year. He had been in poor health for a number of years.

The son of Maria Haskett and John Daley, he was born in Ship Lake, England. While still living in England he married Jane Pike, 64 years ago. About six years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Daley came to Canada, where Mr. Daley was employed as a stationary engineer at Waubesahe and Midland, until they came to Newmarket in 1915.

In Newmarket Mr. Daley was a fireman at the Davis Leather Company for 11 years, when he had to retire because of ill health. His wife died nine years ago.

Mr. Daley was a member of St. Paul's church.

He is survived by six children: Mrs. Henry Harvey (Alice); John Daley, London, Ont.; Mrs. E. R. Harmon (Ethel), Port Arthur; Mrs. Wm. Millward, Midland; Miss Agnes Daley, Cockburn Island, Ont.; and Arthur Daley, Newmarket, with whom he made his home. Mr. Daley's eldest daughter, Mrs. Adelaide Newreuther of Welland, died ten years ago. Mr. Daley is also survived by a number of grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The funeral service, which was held at the funeral chapel of Roadhouse and Rose on Saturday afternoon, was conducted by Rev. T. H. Cotton, D.D., of Toronto, who is filling the pulpit of St. Paul's church temporarily. Pallbearers were: Jas. Crocker, Chas. Bovair, Arthur Fildey, Harvey McCordick, W. O. Carruthers and Fred Hoare. Interment was made in Newmarket cemetery.

BERYL JACKSON PALMER
PAYS VISIT TO TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Palmer of Toronto, a recently married couple, were visitors at The Era office on Thursday. Mrs. Palmer was formerly Beryl Jackson of Montreal, a granddaughter of the late Lyman Jackson, for many years publisher of The Era, and attended the King George school in Newmarket for three years. Before her marriage she was engaged with her two brothers in a large typesetting business in Montreal.

GORMLEY BREEDERS WIN
MINK CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Leitchcroft Fur Farms at Gormley were winners of the grand champion mink pelt at the Ontario Fur Breeders' Association annual pelt show in Toronto last week and also won the adult female mink pelt championship.

Molyneux's Main St. grocery store was broken into early this morning and a small amount of cigarettes and tobacco stolen.

GROCERY STORE BROKEN
INTO, TOBACCO STOLEN

No one was injured when three cars collided on Huron St. east last evening but the cars were badly damaged.

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CHILDREN DO
GREAT WORK
AT CONCERTHOME AND SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION LENDS
AUSPICES

USE N.H.S. HALL

The December meeting of the Home and School Association took the form of the public school's Christmas concert, which was held at the high school in the auditorium on Wednesday evening.

The president, Mrs. J. C. R. Edwards, was master of ceremonies. She extended a cordial welcome to between five and six hundred parents, children and friends.

Mrs. Edwards thanked the principal, J. B. Bastedo, sincerely, and also the members of the high school board for their kindness in granting permission to hold the Christmas concert in the auditorium.

Mrs. Edwards also thanked the public schools principal, H. A. Jackson, and his splendid teaching staff, for the great deal of thought, time and effort they had expended in making the school's Christmas concert the red letter evening of the school year.

Speaking for the members of the Home and School Association, Mrs. Edwards stated that it is felt that a real part of a child's education is in appearing and participating from time to time in public functions before audiences larger than his own class.

First on the program was a pantomime, "Britannia," by the senior girls of the King George school, with musical accompaniment. Mary Shanks played the part of Britannia.

The "Shoemakers' Dance" was by the junior boys and girls of the Alexander Muir school. These little folk were dressed in pretty little tissue costumes and while dancing demonstrated many of the cobbler's actions while making shoes. Mrs. Raymond Taylor, Miss Ila Haines and Miss Amelia Rogers were responsible for this number.

The play, "Old King Cole," was beautifully executed by the pupils of the Stuart Scott school. Many of the favorite nursery rhyme characters appeared for His Majesty's pleasure.

The cornet solos of Donald Cribar, Grade VII, King George school, were a delight and were much enjoyed.

The dance, "Ship Ahoy," by the junior pupils of the King George school, was fine to see. The girls were smartly dressed in costumes of red, white and blue, while the boys wore little white sailor suits and hats.

The play, "Ile that Hops," by the Alexander Muir school, was well acted. It was an amusing rendition of one of the old fairy stories. Miss Nellie Holladay, Miss Evelyn Donne and J. P. Scott planned and directed it.

Carol singing was led by the public school choir, directed by Mrs. M. B. Seldon, and accompanied by Helen Epworth. The audience appreciated being invited to join with the choir in singing some of these carols.

The Danish folk song, "Weaving the Wadmal," was a descriptive dance demonstrating the weaving of a coarse cloth. Miss Elsie Campbell was responsible for this and the other dances presented by King George school pupils. Eileen Jackson was accompanist for the King George school numbers.

The piano solos by Maude Farren, Grade VII, Stuart Scott school, were well rendered and lovely to hear.

Carols by pupils of Grade VI, directed by their teacher, J. W. Darling, were particularly fine. The introduction of two-part singing was noted with pleasure.

The Danish folk dance, "Rose-ille," by the King George school, was most interesting. All the while, during the dance, Sheila Edwards sang, unfolding the story of Rose-ille.

The play, "Sauce for the Gossling," by King George school pupils, was well acted and had a fine moral. It will long be remembered by all who like or dislike the use of slang.

The final number was a pantomime, "Lead Kindly Light," by the senior girls of the King George school, acted to choral accompaniment.

"God Save the King" brought to a close a remarkably fine Christmas concert, much enjoyed and appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to be present.

DOCTOR WAS ILL

Dr. J. H. Wesley, who has been ill, has recovered sufficiently to be up and expects to be out again tomorrow.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Among out-of-town residents attending the funeral of Eugene Cane on Saturday were Walter Reesor, Lindsay, and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Biette and their daughter, Mrs. Chisholm, of Oakville.

Christmas Greetings

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," time-honored words of greeting, are often used in "a Pickwickian sense." The Era asks its readers to interpret this greeting this year just according to their own circumstances and inclinations and according to the news from the far-flung battle-fronts on Christmas day.

War does not belong to Christmas or to Christianity, but to humanity, and will eventually disappear just as slavery, duelling and other barbarities have disappeared. But war will not disappear without effort, sacrifice, courageous speech, and determination that it shall disappear on the part of men, women and children.

With the experience of the last 20 years at our finger-tips, world peace should, after this war is over, be within our grasp, but let us not be too sure of it. Let us each try to contribute to the world opinion which is necessary to bring about that result.

When the hard-headed realist, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, writes a letter for the infant son of an American air hero to obtain that baby a military education in 1956, there is reason for all people to pause and to think, and then to work for something better than a world in which men must resort to arms every quarter century.

The two tasks must go forward simultaneously: the winning of this war, and a chance to make a new start; and, second, the planning of the peace. The people who read newspapers must do both jobs.

We take our Christmas message from Tennyson:

For I dipped into the future, far as human eye
could see,
Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder
that would be;

Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of
magic sails,
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with
costly bales;

Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there
rain'd a ghastly dew
From the nations' airy navies grappling in the
central blue;

Far along the world-wide whisper of the south-
wind rushing warm,
With the standards of the peoples plunging thro'
the thunder-storm;

Till the war-drum throbb'd no longer and the
battle-flags were fur'd
In the Parliament of man, the Federation of
the world.

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IS IN THE WEST



L.A.C. Fred R. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Timothy St., head cook at No. 5 bombing and gunning school, R.C.A.F., Dufur, Sask.

GRAND CITIZEN
GOES, EUGENE
CANE, AT 81WAS ONE OF PILLARS OF
GREAT CANE WOOD
INDUSTRY

WAS STRONG GRIT

A link with the days when the clearing of northern York county of virgin forest made Newmarket the centre of a great woodworking industry was lost with the death of Joseph Eugene Cane at his home on Prospect St. on Thursday in his 82nd year.

A strong and honorable man, Eugene Cane was a large figure in the life of Newmarket for many years and a member of the family which gave Newmarket its first big "start."

Born in Queensville, he was a son of William Cane, who operated a saw-mill east of Queensville. His mother was Catherine Belfry. In 1874, when Eugene was 14 years old, his father moved to Newmarket, and built a wood factory on the north side of Huron St., where the Dixon Pencil Co. now is, and a saw-mill on the south side. William Cane became the first mayor of Newmarket.

The business grew and three sons, of a family of 12 children, assisted and eventually succeeded their father in the management of the business. Henry, Eugene, who became vice-president, and Bert. Eugene Cane was the buyer of timber and went as far as Penetang and subsequently, as timber became more difficult to get, further north for timber to be sent to Newmarket for manufacture into wood products of many kinds.

Eugene Cane was the last surviving member of the 12 brothers and sisters. Two of six children by his first wife, Minnie Kavanagh, of Queensville, are left: Mrs. George A. Beck (Grace) and Mrs. W. F. Beck (Bernice), both of Toronto. Two sons, Roy and Vern, and a daughter, Georgian, are gone. Another daughter died in infancy. There are five grandchildren.

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Mr. Cane had been ill for four months, but he did not stop loving life and looking on the bright side of things until death came. He was fond of music, of gardening and home life, and through good fortune and bad found a great deal of happiness.

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FUND REACHES \$553
3 DAYS BEFORE XMAS

"The Lions club very much appreciates the splendid response of the public to this appeal, and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas," H. E. Lambert, treasurer of the Lions Christmas Stocking fund, said this week. "Additional gifts will go into winter welfare work for Newmarket children."

LIONS CHRISTMAS
STOCKING FUND

Amount previously acknowledged	\$533.00
Mrs. K. N. Robertson	5.00
N. L. Mathews	5.00
Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Noble	5.00
R. L. H.	2.00
Miss Della Graham	1.00
A. W.	2.00
Total to date	\$553.00

Prices Moderate
At Record Market,
Quality Is HighWm. Sweezy Captures High Honors For Turkeys,
Zephyr Exhibitor Takes Longest Distance Prize

The largest Christmas market in years was held at the market hall on Friday afternoon, when the ground floor was crowded with fowl and prospective buyers. Chickens, turkeys and geese were plentiful, but ducks were scarce.

Eggs also were few. Chickens sold at 22 cents to 24 cents a pound, ducks were 25 cents a pound and turkeys sold at 35 cents a pound. Geese were 20 cents to 25 cents a pound.

The Christmas prize market was held on the upstairs floor and some fine birds were displayed. One turkey weighed 27 pounds. The quality was pronounced excellent by the judges. Carrots, beets, apples, potatoes and parsnips were exhibited as well as butter and eggs.

There will be a special Christmas market on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 23, but because of Boxing day no market on Friday. The following week there will be a New Year's market on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 30, and the regular Friday afternoon market on Jan. 2.

The prize for the best lot of six turkeys was won by Wm. Sweezy, Newmarket, with E. Lunau of Mount Albert second and W. Barker of Zephyr, third. E. Lunau took second prize for the best turkey and Wm. Barker was third.

W. McClure, Ravenshoe, was the exhibitor of the prize goose. The prize for the best six chickens was won by H. Perrin, Newmarket, Mrs. D. Cooper, Newmarket, and E. Ewart, Newmarket.

The judges were T. R. Hilliard, Mrs. Elton Armstrong, Mrs. Earl Toole, Miss Frances Stickwood, B. W. Hunter and W. L. Bosworth. Fred Chantler acted as secretary of the prize market and B. W. Hunter as assistant.

Twelve Ton Of Fowl Sold
At Pefferlaw MarketPEFFERLAW MARKET SETS
NEW RECORD FOR
CHRISTMAS FOWL

There were 12 tons of fowl sold on the Pefferlaw market last Thursday afternoon. There was more fowl than usual, and though not as many turkeys, geese and chickens were more plentiful. The quality of the competitive exhibits was high.

C. H. Woodward, dominion poultry inspector, and W. M. Cockburn, York county agricultural representative, were the judges.

Turkeys brought 33 to 35 cents a pound, geese, 20 to 24 cents, chickens, 20 to 24 cents and ducks, 20 to 23 cents a pound.

C. W. Bodley, president of the Pefferlaw market committee, and J. C. Taylor, secretary, and a group of other citizens worked hard to make the market a success.

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GIFT SUGGESTION

Renewing a subscription to The Era for a friend away from home, a man told The Era that the recipient had written: "It is the best present I ever got. I read every word."

Political Leaders Will
Address Teachers

A holiday conference will be held at Pickering College on Dec. 27 and 28 by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation. The subject of the conference will be "The Teaching of Democratic Citizenship." Miss Evelyn MacDonald of the staff of Bloor Collegiate, Toronto, is secretary of the organization.

Among the principal speakers expected are Col. George Drew, provincial Conservative leader, M. J. Coldwell, acting federal leader of the C.C.F., and Paul Martin, Liberal M.P. for Essex.

FOND IS BUSY

The "young fry" are finding the skating excellent on Fairy Lake. There are no boards for hockey but the coming hockey stars don't seem to mind.

NO ONE IS INJURED AS
CAR GOES ON SPREE

An almost unbelievable accident occurred on Main St. Wednesday evening, when Clarence Spence, of Pefferlaw cranked his car in front of Stanley's restaurant, and the car slipped into gear, swerving across the street and crashing into a car parked in front of the Bank of Montreal, denting the fender and running-board.

The car swung back across the street into a car parked in front of Sedore's meat market, pushed it up the steps onto the street, and through Sedore's window. No one was injured.

Coming Events

Friday, Jan. 9—Red Cross dance in the high school auditorium. Max Boag's orchestra. \$1.50 per couple. c3w47

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CHRISTMAS MIDST WAR

If it were not for Christmas, mankind might become discouraged. Christmas, with its practical Christianity, its beautiful religious services, its gift-giving and fun and jollity, makes humanity forget to some extent the barbarity called war to which the world has temporarily returned. Christmas too turns time backward, bringing to each a flood of happy childhood memories, and gives birth to the prayer that today's children may grow up to find, not a world in which men fight over money, markets, territory and power, but a world in which mankind is organized and ready to start out on the long trail of united discovery of man's true destiny.

It will be easier for the home folks, however, than for Canadians in uniform away from home and particularly for Canadians across the oceans on active service, to forget the war. Many of the soldiers, sailors and airmen will be on duty even on Christmas day. It is to be hoped that they receive safely all their Christmas parcels from home. It is much more to be hoped—it is to be prayed—that as many as possible of them may return home safely, for on their new knowledge and their leadership Canada will be greatly dependent in making her contribution to the new world of international friendship and co-operation.

Though the struggle at arms is long and for many hard, the outlook is brighter. Belief that the war would be won has become knowledge that it will be won, and though nobody believes that more good than harm can come from war it is likely that much that is new and different and good will come out of this struggle. Christ may be born again.

NON-PARTISAN EDUCATION

Some Ontario towns have a public school board and a high school board, while others have a board of education. It is a matter of opinion. An advantage of the board of education is that it is handling so much business that it cannot hide its light under a bushel, and the public is able to keep in touch with what it is doing through the press. Nearby towns which have a board of education include Oakville and Bowmanville.

The Bowmanville board, meeting a couple of weeks ago, heard a request from the teaching staff for a cost of living bonus. A staff of 23 teachers would receive increases totalling \$5,000 a year.

One, Inspector T. R. McEwan, suggested that public school students should study current events more, and named a certain well-known daily newspaper that might be provided "on the ground that it is supposed to be a non-partisan organ and because its comic section is smaller and less harmful than others," reports the Bowmanville Canadian Statesman. The Statesman itself has even less comics and might be an even more suitable newspaper for the children to study, but unfortunately it has been taking the part of Durham county's farmers and therefore cannot qualify as "non-partisan," whereas the other newspaper suggested qualifies definitely as "non-partisan" on the ground that it has not been taking the part of the striking miners at Kirkland Lake.

OUT OF RETIREMENT

Government officials at Ottawa are said to be predicting tougher times for the farmer in 1942, and a "widening call on retired farmers." In other words, farm help is going to be even more difficult to obtain, and retired farmers will have to be attracted back to the farms, either as operators or hired help. They certainly won't be attracted back to the farms as operators at a time when the movement is away from the farms, and they won't be drawn back to the farms as hired help unless the government supplements the wages farmers can pay. Farm prices should have been allowed to go much higher—to a point that would make farming profitable—before being frozen.

WHAT OTHERS THINK
THE PRICE CONTROL MEASURE

(Simcoe Reformer)

After spending one full week with the war-time prices and control board at Ottawa we came away convinced that the administration of the new price ceiling legislation is in very competent hands and that with general acceptance on the part of consumers, retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, farmers and all other parties concerned, the new plan can be made to work.

In the words of Chairman Donald Gordon, the measure must succeed if we are to avoid inflation and a complete breakdown in our wartime economic set-up. He acknowledges that there are many obstacles to be overcome, but he and his associates, including many of the leading figures in Canada's business world, are confident and determined that the difficulties will be solved and that the price control will be moving along smoothly within a short time. As an indication of the importance of price control, Secretary

Kenneth Taylor points out that the saving to the dominion government alone, biggest wartime buyer in Canada, will amount to not less than four or five hundred million dollars a year if a 25 percent price increase due to inflation can be avoided.

The important role which housewives can fill is repeatedly stressed at Ottawa. They are asked to keep a vigilant check on the prices of commodities which they buy. Some may have kept records of prices paid by them during the basic period, Sept. 15 to Oct. 11. If not, they are asked to keep such records henceforth. The board hopes that there will be cordial co-operation between housewives and retailers in maintaining the price ceiling, but where a definite violation of the ceiling has occurred and cannot be satisfactorily adjusted, a complaint should be lodged with the regional price and supply representative. There will be no Gestapo methods used by the enforcement officers and no intimidation of retailers. Fred A. McGregor, the enforcement officer of the board, believes that the vast majority of complaints can be adjusted by conference. Only persistent offenders will be prosecuted.

The price control measure may be the forerunner of rationing of non-essential commodities. Extension of the war to the Pacific, according to Mr. Gordon, is certain to result in a serious reduction of imports of some commodities and he expects that an important restriction of consumers' goods will occur. The ban now placed on sale of new automobile tires and the heralded rationing of gasoline starting April 1, 1942, are symptoms of what is in store. Under these circumstances it is fortunate that the price control measure was instituted in time to check the upward spiral of prices. Success of the plan will mean that Canada's contribution to the empire war program will be far greater than could have been the case without it. It will mark the first time, incidentally, that any nation has successfully carried out a program to control inflation during a major war.

HACKING AND SLASHING ARE NOT CARVING

(Fort Erie Times-Review)

Carving, and especially the carving of poultry, can be either a joy to behold or a disgusting spectacle—according to whether or not the carver knows his job.

The competent operator manipulates his dissecting instruments with graceful precision, delicately disjoining and slicing. The bungler, who has never taken the trouble to study even the first principles of carving, substitutes brute force and ignorance for skill. Such ineptitude, applied to the dismemberment of a roast goose or a roast duck, is almost always disastrous. Not knowing just where to sever the bird's various joints, the operator draws the carving knife back and forth in a vain attempt to saw through the bones of legs and wings. This part of the performance usually ends by the limbs being pried apart and literally torn from the carcass—the fork being used as a lever.

Next the breast is attacked and because its easy slicing offers an opportunity to recoup some lost prestige, is usually hacked off in thick slabs—so that it is all gone before everybody is served.

The best that can happen to such a duffer is that the bird will end up on the table rather than in somebody's lap.

Yet successful carving is not difficult of accomplishment. The art is fully explained in most cook-books and can be learned readily. The trouble is that too many people seem to think that the ability to carve properly is instinctive—like being able to breathe. If any of our readers hold to that belief, a little study of the subject will prove enlightening. Also it will likely result in a more enjoyable Christmas dinner for themselves and their families.

THE YOUNGER MEN

(New Liskeard Temiskaming Speaker)

In the street corner gossip which followed the annual nomination meeting in the town of Cobalt last weekend, one citizen observed that, in his view, there were too many young men on the municipal council of the silver town. He thought that ratepayers of riper years, and with more experience of life (but not necessarily of the conduct of public business), should be at the civic controls. It is a curious objection to make, in view of the fact that in so many communities the cry has been that the burden of looking after the affairs which are the common concern of all has been left largely to the faithful few who had carried on year after year, with too great a tendency on the part of younger electors to leave them to the task and not offering to share the load.

HORSES MAY BECOME VALUABLE

(High River, Alberta, Times)

When you look back over the past, you realize that no truer words were ever said than that most folks wear themselves out worrying over things that never happen. So the alarms which have been sounded recently that farmers may have to go back to horses does not seem to justify lying awake and worrying. Fuel oils and gas have now come to be as vital a factor in farm production as in industrial life, and to impose heavy restrictions or deny such essential material to the farms would be to cripple the most vital asset of war or peace—food production. Regulations can go a long way in restricting use of gas in pleasure driving, and there will be little protest from the public. But it would be a serious situation if ordinary farm industry suffered imposition of higher prices or stiff quotas.

It is not only western Canada that would be affected. Power farming is gaining a big foothold on eastern farms, and reports from old Ontario tell of the many farmers now getting tractors, mainly because of the shortage of manpower.

But there are indications which point to an increasing demand for horses—not only in this country but the world over. Possibility of fuel shortages are on the horizon and this may revive the use of horses for deliveries of all sorts, and for the holder of small acreage. The man who continues to keep a few horses on the place may be justified in looking to them to bring him better returns than for some years past.

There are many services in which horse power might be used to good advantage, one of which is the revival of buggy riding. But to expect old dohbin in his present state of depletion to man the agricultural scene overnight is too fantastic.

The Common Round
CHRISTMAS
By Isabel Inglis Colville

Two thousand years ago nearly all the then-known world bowed to the might that was Rome's.

The Jews, stiff-necked, stubborn and imbued with a strong sense of their importance as God's chosen people made sporadic attempts to free themselves from the Roman yoke, only to find their uprisings quelled and a stricter enforcement of Roman rule as a result.

And now the crowning insult, every person must go to their own city to be taxed.

One can imagine the crowded roads; the people on foot or on donkeys, hurrying to reach their destination, yet scurrying aside if a company of Roman soldiers came into view, for would not Caesar's legionnaires drive straight ahead with little regard for those in the way?

And among all the places that were crowded with men, women and children returning to the place of their birth was Bethlehem—Bethlehem of whom the prophet had said that out of it should come a Saviour of Israel.

The little white-walled city among the Judean hills would be crowded to capacity. And yet here, crowded out of the inn, crowded out of the houses of the town, there happened the most wonderful, the most glorious, the most breath-taking event which ever happened or could happen on earth.

A little child was born in a cave, under the deep blue, star-strewn sky of Bethlehem!

Maybe other little children came into the world in the city that night, but none other was announced by angels, whose songs of peace and goodwill and whose glorious beauty startled the shepherds and sent them hurrying to Bethlehem.

To none other did wise men—princes from far lands, laden with rich gifts, come, to hail Him king and offer gifts.

And so came the beauty of Christmas; and because of the magnificent sky, with its wonderful star; because of the song of the angelic hosts and the splendor of the wise men and their gifts, we try to make everything about our Christmas beautiful.

We set up beautiful trees in our homes, and trim them with jewel-like baubles in memory of the wise men's jewels; we top our trees with glittering stars, that, looking up at them, we may remember the star that led the wise men to the infant Christ.

We give gifts to those we love and to those who are alone and sad and to those who need comfort, because two thousand years ago God gave a gift to earth; a child who was to be for all time a comfort to the sorrowing, a friend to the friendless, a stronghold to the fearful and a light to shine into all the dark places of the world.

I've heard people say, "Do you think it's right to keep Christmas this year?"

Why not—more than ever before.

Christ's coming was in a dark and terror-holding time—as dark comparatively as now—and it brought new strength and comfort and a new life to the whole world.

It will be through Christ's teaching that peace and order will eventually evolve out of world chaos, when the evil shall be wiped out and men from all nations gather to plan a safe and sane order.

So let us make our homes lovely and give as we can where giving will bring joy, and sing our carols and think with thankfulness of the first Christmas morn.



THE CHUMS MAKE PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS

BY RUTH DINGMAN HEBB

"I hardly know what to wish for in the way of Christmas weather," chirped Nutty Nuthatch to a group of his friends who were flying about in some evergreen trees. "Here it is just a few days before Christmas and the snow is almost gone."

"And what there is of it is rather dirty and gray looking, to say the least," added Hattie, his mate.

"If there's no snow, our natural food will be ever so much easier to find, and we can take advantage of all the berries and old dried fruits and the seeds, not to mention how much easier it will be to peck at the insects and things in the tree bark," Nutty continued.

"On the other hand," pointed out Woody, the Downy Woodpecker, "if there's lots and lots of snow covering everything up everyone will feel so sorry for us that they will put out a Christmas feast for us and dear knows what wonderful treats we will get."

"That is a thought," Mrs. Woody commended him. "And a jollier Christmas is so much better."

"Yes, but I doubt if enough people would remember the birds to feed all of them," said Merry Chickadee dubiously. "I think it would be much better for us, on the whole, if we had a green Christmas."

"Yes, I think that is really the sensible attitude," another voice piped up. It was rather a high shrill voice and Merry looked around to see who had spoken.

"Oh, I didn't notice you at all," she said, when she had located the other bird. "And you must have been right beside me all the time."

"Please don't be sarcastic about my appearance," said the other bird, who was a Goldfinch. "Goodness knows I feel sensitive enough about my combedown in life since last summer, when I was a lovely bright yellow and shiny black. However, I still have touches of yellow around my throat, head and back, and my wings and tail are still black, even if the rest of me is a bit nondescript."

"Indeed, I wasn't being sarcastic at all," Merry hastily told him. "If I were as lovely as you are in the spring and summer I wouldn't mind at all being a bit drab in the winter. What was it you were saying about the snowy Christmas versus the green Christmas?"

"I said I thought the green Christmas would be better for us," said the Goldfinch. "It is so hard to find weed seeds, which we Goldfinches depend on, when the snow is deep. If it gets very snowy I would just have to move farther south."

"Oh, we hope you'll stay with us for a while," said Merry in friendly tones. "You Goldfinches are always cheerful and good company. Besides, Christmas is certainly one time when we all



Announcing that he himself was taking the place of Field Marshal Walther von Brauchitsch, Hitler appealed on Sunday to his troops to hold their ground in Russia until they could be reinforced in the spring.

The U.S. navy has probably sunk at least 14 Axis submarines in the Atlantic or Pacific since beginning its Atlantic patrol, Navy Secretary Knox said on Sunday.

The defeated German and Italian Libyan army has been unable to make a stand at Benghazi and has continued its retreat beyond that point.

Hong Kong was still held on Sunday, but it was regarded as only a matter of time until the Japanese secured control of the entire island.

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and Honolulu, Admiral Husband Kimmel has been replaced as commander of the United States Pacific fleet by Rear-Admiral Chester V. Nimitz. Lieut.-General Walter C. Short had been relieved of the army command in Hawaii also.

The Japanese drive in northern Malaya has been reduced by the British to a standstill, the British command has announced. However, the settlement of Penang has been evacuated by the British garrison.

Mayor Fred Conboy of Toronto refuses to officiate by acclamation for his second term. There will be a contest for the four board of control seats, with at least nine candidates running.

Moscow reports an outbreak of sabotage in Poland and the de-

ing in the basement and accidentally fell off a bench, breaking her leg.

The public schools of Newmarket closed yesterday for Christmas vacation and will reopen on Jan. 3. All the teachers had closing exercises for the children and in the lowest forms they had Christmas trees. The children provided the program. A number of visitors were present at the King George school.

The pupils of the high school, with the assistance and advice of the staff, are having an "at home" among themselves in the assembly hall on Thursday evening.

The nomination meeting will be held in the town hall this Friday evening. The financial statement is now printed and in the clerk's hands for distribution.

On Wednesday morning the high boards were removed from the front of C. A. McCauley's new brick block, nearly opposite the post office, revealing three fine stores almost ready for occupancy. The plate glass windows were put in during the day and the work of removing the stock was commenced.

There was a grand market here yesterday morning and as many buyers as sellers. The price of poultry was ten cents a pound higher here than on the St. Lawrence market in Toronto the day previous. New laid eggs sold for 65 cents. Butter was anywhere from 42 to 45 cents a pound.

BORN—In Newmarket, on Dec. 15, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Heath, Lydia St., a daughter.

BORN—In East Gwillimbury, on Dec. 19, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Pegg, a son.

50 YEARS AGO

From Era file, Dec. 25, 1891

A Whitechurch farmer broke down with a load of wood on the market last Tuesday, and rather than put him to a lot of trouble, the market committee bought the wood.

Pursuant to the proclamation issued by the town clerk, the nomination of candidates for the offices of mayor, reeve, deputy reeve, nine councillors and three public school trustees will take place in the town hall, next Monday evening, from 7.30 to 8.30 o'clock. As soon as the nominations close, the candidates will address the electors.

Though Tuesday morning was wet and disagreeable, we have had very fine and comfortable weather so far as a rule this winter.

The break in the water-pipe on Main St. last week cost \$8.30 to repair, besides the material used.

The market was a perfect jam from nine to 11 o'clock last Saturday morning. A few lots of fresh eggs sold at 20 cents a dozen, but 18 and 19 cents was the regular quotation. As high as 10 cents a pound was paid for butter, though the bulk of it sold for 17 cents.

The rain on Tuesday morning prevented a big market again, but it was about equal to an ordinary Saturday morning for attendance.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a hockey club was held at the bicycle club rooms on Friday evening.

BORN—At Sutton, on Wednesday, Dec. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hawkins, a daughter.

MARRIED—At the home of Mr. J. A. Collins on Dec. 23, by Elder D. Prosser, Mr. W. N. Collins to Miss Mary Gorley, all of Newmarket.

railment of a German ammunition and troop train near Lublin, when 50 German soldiers were killed.

Eras may be purchased at the following places: Spillette's, Bolton's, Campbell's Book Store, Bell's Drug Store and Reet Drug Store.

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Those persons decorating halls, churches and public places should use particular care in their choice of decorations. Only materials made of metal, glass and asbestos should be used. Packing material and rubbish accumulates much more rapidly at this time and should therefore be disposed of at more frequent intervals. In any case, merchants should guard against obstructing any exit facilities during this season when the shopping crowds are larger than usual.

The Christmas tree itself demands particular attention. It should not be placed near any source of heat, such as radiators, fireplaces or stoves, and should be well-secured against falling. The tree should be placed that, standing or falling, it will not block a doorway or exit and thus prevent the escape of anyone. Lights for the tree should be only of the approved electric type, and in no case should candles be used or smoking permitted near any Christmas tree. After a tree is brought into the home it hourly becomes drier and therefore more easily ignited.

The correct choice of toys may mean much to the little ones in the homes. Those made of celluloid may be ignited without coming into actual contact with flame and when once ignited, they burn with such rapidity that a child's clothing is nearly always set afire before they can dispose of them.

Accidental ignition of flammable costumes has been the cause of many Christmas tragedies; in fact Santa Claus himself, must be very careful not to burn his whippers.

W. W. OSBORNE,
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NO ROOM AT THE INN

By HARRIET LUMMIS SMITH

It had been snowing hard since seven o'clock. Vance Merriman, coming up the steps leading to his home, reflected that there would be a job for somebody in the morning. Ordinarily, he would have planned to rise early to clear the steps and sidewalks of the snow covering before breakfast; but Vance, his father, and sister, all had jobs, and he resolved to leave this work for some hungry man to whom the snowfall was equivalent to a fall of manna.

As he reached the porch, Vance saw a bundle before him. Some delivery man, overworked in the Christmas rush, had perhaps failed to ring the bell. This natural explanation ceased to satisfy Vance as he stopped to examine the parcel. It was wrapped not in paper, but in a blanket.

A sudden awful suspicion had taken possession of Vance. He touched the bundle gingerly, then lifted the blanket. At once his apprehensions were confirmed by a smothered wail.

Vance inserted his latchkey in the door and opened it. Stopping, he lifted the bundle in his arms. As he reached the hall, he shouted, "Mother!" The whole family answered the summons. His father and mother rushed from the living room! His sister, Vivian, addressing Christmas cards in her bedroom, flew down the stairs. Anna, the competent though youthful maid, came hurrying from the kitchen.

"What is it, Vance?" said Mrs. Merriman. "What has happened?"

"I found this on the porch. I think—somebody left a—baby here."

"A baby?" repeated Mrs. Merriman aghast. "This winter night?" She took the bundle from her son's arms and the child, disturbed for the second time, began to cry shrilly.

"There's a paper pinned to the blanket," exclaimed Vivian. She carried it to the lamp and read the message aloud.

"He's nine months old, and the best baby, but there doesn't seem to be any room for him anywhere. Please be good to him."

Vance uttered an indignant exclamation. "I'm going to telephone the police station."

"Oh, Vance," cried his mother. She seemed so shocked that he explained, laughingly, "Why I'm not planning to have the baby arrested, Mother, but the police will know what institution to take him to."

"But surely that's not necessary tonight," said Mrs. Merriman. "Tomorrow I'll telephone the orphanages. The Collier Home would be a good place for him."

As if interested in the discussion of his immediate future, the baby stopped crying. When Mrs. Merriman declared against his resuming his travels that night, he suddenly laughed aloud. There were few sounds more poignant than baby laughter. The Merriman family gasped.

"Well, anyway, he's plucky," said Vance, the first to recover himself.

Anna, who had stood back listening, spoke rather timidly. "If the baby's to stay all night, Mrs. Merriman, I'll keep him with me."

Mrs. Merriman looked at her kindly. "I'm afraid that would be too hard for you, Anna. You're very busy just before Christmas."

"I shan't mind it," said the girl eagerly. "I took a lot of care of my little sister and a baby in the room won't bother me a bit."

Mrs. Merriman drew a breath of relief. "Then I think we'll call that settled," she replied. "Tomorrow I'll devote myself to finding a place for him."

In the morning when the Merrimans ate their breakfast, they were aware of unwonted sounds in the kitchen, soft coos, shrill squeals, grunts and gurgles. Anna, deaf and prompt as usual, had a half smile on her face as she went between the kitchen and the dining-room.

Before they left for their work, Vance and Vivian went into the kitchen to take a farewell look at the baby. He lay on a pillow in a packing box which Anna had requisitioned. At the sight of them, he achieved a toothless smile. Vance gently poked the plump cheek. "Well, old chap, goodbye and good luck."

"He's really a pretty little fellow," pronounced Vivian, somewhat surprised.

Vivian was the earliest home that afternoon. When she entered the house, the first sight that met her eyes was her mother with the baby in her arms. "Why, Mother!" cried Vivian reproachfully.

Mrs. Merriman turned. "I've telephoned all over town," she said, "and I can't find a place for this child. This depression has filled all the homes to overflowing."

"Then you should have notified the police."

With all the rest of her work, Anna had found time to wash and iron the stranger's little garments. They were of cheap quality but the baby looked fresh and clean. When Mr. Merriman and Vance came in, he set himself at once to interest them, laughing, crowing and kicking off his shoes.

"Hello! You here," smiled Vance, although his tone was critical. "Thought I'd said goodbye to you for good."

Mrs. Merriman repeated the explanation she had given Vivian,

and her son pointed out that the city institutions were under obligations to take charge of an abandoned child. "You'd better have Father do the telephoning," he said. "They won't try to put anything over on him." "Your mother can attend to that as well as anybody," declared Mr. Merriman hurriedly, and went upstairs.

In the morning Vance and Vivian gave their mother careful instructions as to the best way to get rid of the uninvited guest. After business hours they went down town to buy a joint present and came home together. As they walked up the steps they heard the baby crying. "Listen to that," said Vance. "The child is still here. The fact is that Mother is too soft-hearted to get rid of him."

They went into the house feeling that the time for firmness had come. Their father and mother were in the living-room and Vance addressed his mother with elaborate sarcasm. "I'm glad you were successful at last in disposing of the baby."

Mrs. Merriman did not pay his satire the tribute of a smile. "Something has come up," she said. "Anna wants to keep him."

"But how could she?" cried Vivian. "Of course she couldn't keep him here."

"That's what she would like to do."

"It would be interesting, wouldn't it," said Vance feelingly. "To invite some of the fellows in the office home to dinner and have a baby shrieking in the kitchen."

"Yes, or plan a party," said Vivian, "and have the house quarantined for measles."

Mrs. Merriman did not attempt to answer their arguments. She only said, "If we don't agree to it, Anna will leave."

"But where would she go?" asked Vivian indignantly.

"There's a place where they'll take her," replied Mrs. Merriman. "A woman she knows keeps a boarding house on Third St. I imagine Anna would have to work very hard, but the woman has always wanted her."

Today she talked with her over the phone and the woman said she had a child of her own of the same age and that another baby in the house wouldn't make any difference. Anna told her she couldn't come till after Christmas anyway and she'd let her know what we decided."

"I'll have a talk with Anna after dinner," exclaimed Vivian. "Somebody ought to be able to make her see reason."

After the dessert, when the others had scattered, Vance went out into the kitchen. The baby, in his improvised crib, kicked and gurgled at the sight of her. "I came to have a talk with you, Anna," said Vance. "I can't imagine why you should want to do anything so silly as keeping the baby. What in the world made you think you wanted to do it?"

On the wall hung a calendar with a Bible verse for each day of the year. Anna put her finger on the date on which Vance had found the baby on the porch. "I guess that's the reason."

Vivian leaned closer. Slowly and incredulously she read aloud. "There was no room for them at the inn!"

There was a moment of silence and then Anna spoke. "Seems as if it was the same with this child. Mrs. Merriman has been telephoning for two days and they all say they're filled up. It scares me to think of taking care of somebody's baby, but somebody's got to find room for him."

"But, Anna," gasped Vivian. "That verse means—why, this is different, you see."

"No, I don't see," said Anna a little stubbornly. "Didn't the Lord Jesus say that what was done for the least of His was done for Him? It seems clear to me."

"But you see—" stammered Vivian, and then she paused.

helplessly. Somehow the conventional arguments did not seem fitted to the occasion. To explain that our obligation to Christ's little ones must be regulated by convenience, and that no twentieth century Christian went to ridiculous extremes of sacrifice, seemed out of the question. Besides, something in the face of the girl no older than herself gave Vivian a feeling not unlike awe.

Vivian was very silent when she rejoined the family. Perhaps

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they judged from this that her efforts had been unsuccessful, for at once Vance made a suggestion. "Now listen! I believe this thing will settle itself if we just leave it alone. So I say let things drift for the rest of the month, and I believe Anna will be ready to listen to reason."

"If we're going to have a baby in the house on Christmas, we ought to have a tree," said Vivian.

"I know what ails Vivian," laughed Vance. "She wants a tree herself and thinks a baby in the house is a good excuse."

Vivian accepted her brother's teasing with a tight-lipped smile. Something in Anna's attitude had changed her feeling about the baby. There was now something terrible in the thought that at Christmas, when the world rejoiced over the birth of a Child, any child should be unwelcome, unwanted.

Christmas Eve arrived and Vance brought home a lovely little spruce, which the Merrimans set up in a corner of the living-room. The boxes of ornaments had been brought down from the garret and with much laughter they trimmed the tree. The Merriman family still hung up their stockings on Christmas Eve, and when Vivian brought her own, she brought along a pair of tiny white stockings. "I got a few little things for the baby," she said defiantly. "So I'm going to hang up this stocking along with the rest."

"Great minds run in the same channel," said Vance, gazing at her with a rather sheepish grin. "But stockings of that size don't hold much, so I'm going to hang mine, too."

Vance had bought pink stockings for the baby and a rubber turtle, a rattle that made a prodigious noise, and a woolly dog. As Vivian was exclaiming over the assortment, Mrs. Merriman brought out a large package.

"Got him a little cap and coat," she said. "It's from your father and me."

The baby entered into the spirit of his first Christmas in a most surprising manner. The Merrimans had been somewhat in doubt as to whether or not he would notice the tree; but when they brought him into the room where it stood radiant, the baby noticed nothing else. He gurgled and laughed. They found it difficult to distract his attention, even by giving him his presents, but the sonorous rattle proved a rival even to the Christmas tree. He sat shaking it joyously.

Anna had not planned to go out on Christmas Day, but Vivian insisted that she should. "Doesn't your church always have something on Christmas night?"

"Yes, but the baby might fuss and bother you. I'd better not leave him."

"I'm going to be home all the evening and I'll look after the baby. So run along and enjoy yourself."

After the baby was in bed and asleep and the usual visitors had gone, Vance noticed his sister busy with a paper and pencil. "Figuring up the cost?" he asked with a grin.

"I'm doing a little calculating," said Vivian, looking up.

The family became attentive. "Three of us are earning," the girl went on. "I was wondering what part of my salary I could put aside to go toward the baby's expenses."

"But Vivian," exclaimed Mrs. Merriman. "You said—"

"Anna is ready to take care of him," continued Vivian, disregarding the interruption, "and that's all she could do. Then I'll look after him every other Saturday, so Anna can get out, and any evening in the week that she selects."

"Aren't you going ahead rather fast?" demanded Vance. "This house belongs to Father and Mother, you know."

"This is just a hypothetical case. I'm just saying what we could do—if I'm not suggesting adopting the baby, understand. But if we should look after him till he's a little older, we might find a good home for him. Of course, sometimes it would be hard and inconvenient. But somehow, on Christmas night it seems as if that amounted to very little compared with finding a place for a homeless child."

"As far as I'm concerned," said Vance, "I'm ready to pay my share and do my share. But really Mother is the one to be heard from."

"Me!" exclaimed Mrs. Merriman. She looked at them in vague surprise. "Why, I always wanted to keep him," she said, "from the very first. I thought you understood."

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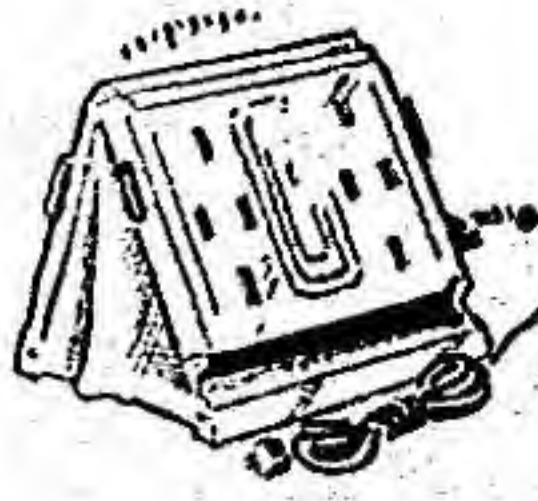
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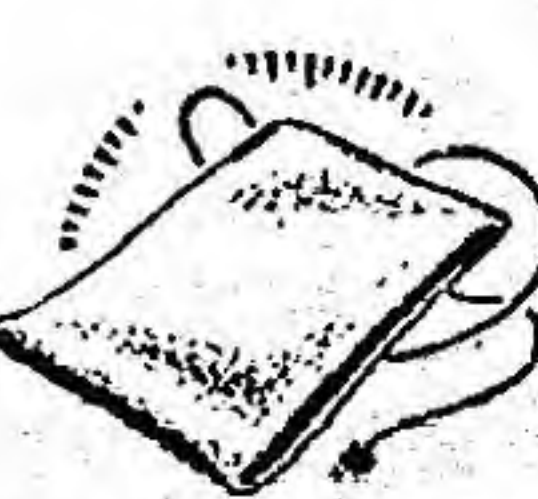
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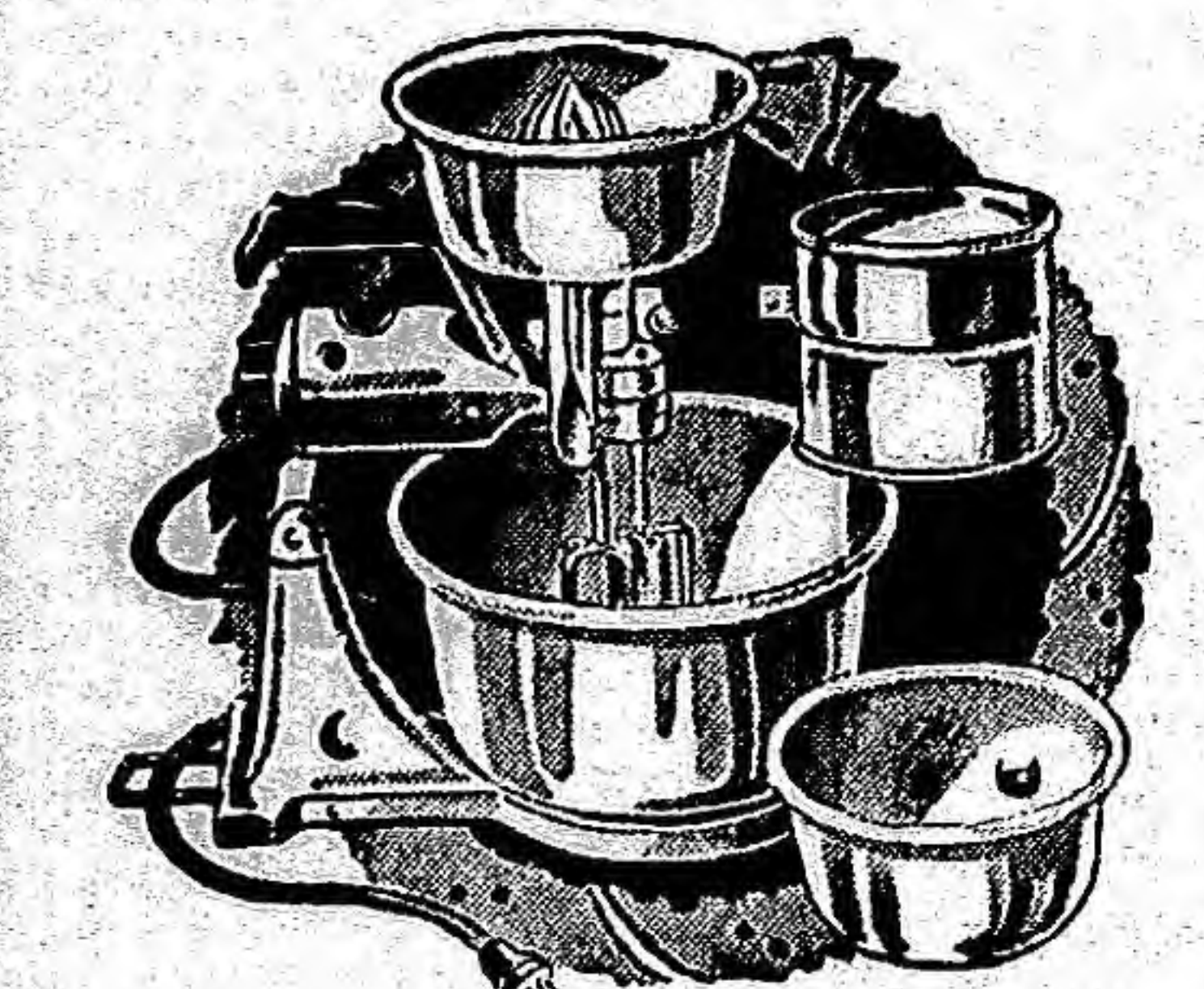
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Winners See Laurel And Hardy Or Charlie McCarthy, But Must Solve Holiday Words

Answers for last week's contest had to be in at 9.30 o'clock this morning and 25 correct answers made the grade. Answers were: waitress, different, holly, carols, yearling, stocking, mistletoe, preferred, greetings and description.

Winners were drawn by Miss Elsie Plowright of the Vanity Beauty Shoppe, as follows: Mrs. Leslie McKnight, R. R. 2, Newmarket, Helen McBride, Newmarket, David Enge, Queensville, Mrs. E. Woolven, Newmarket, and Mrs. E. C. Johnston, Newmarket. They win double passes to the Strand for New Year's week and may get their passes any evening at the theatre. They may attend on Tuesday, Dec. 30, to see the riotous Abbott and Costello in "Hold That Ghost," and the added feature, "Mr. Celebrity," or on Friday, Jan. 2, to see Leon Errol and Lupe Velez in "The Mexican Spitfire's Baby" and Buster Crabbe in "Jungle Man."

Of the ten scrambled words to solve this week five of the words occur in the classified ads and the other five are words that will be commonly used during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Here are the words: CEIMAM- TEN, ESWSNOOH, YKOECH, NREYCBRA, FRAS, NRG, IRSAUSTE, YUTKRE, KLING- MI, USLIREOTNO.

THIS WEEK'S CONTEST

Answers to this week's contest

WANT-ADS

The rate for Want Ads is 25 cents for 25 words for one insertion; 40 cents for two insertions; 50 cents for three insertions. For over 25 words, each additional word, one insertion, one cent, additional insertions, one-half cent per insertion.

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FOR SALE

For sale - Boy's overcoat, blue, size 13-14 years. New condition. Padded hockey gloves, skates and boots, size 10-12 years. Phone 228.

For sale - Modern and antique furniture of every description. Also men's, women's and children's clothing. Shoes, skates, snowshoes, skis, baby sleigh and baby pram. Will be sold cheap. Squires, 206 Main St., Newmarket. c2w40

For sale - Kiddle's cases, 25c up. Dolls' cases, 40c. Vanity over-night and suitcase, \$1.10 up. Rubber bottoms, \$1.45. Extra quality work boots, special, \$3.65. Mrs. A. Wolfe, 41 Main St., upstairs. c1w47

For sale - Boy's C.C.M. hockey skates and boots. Size 9. Just like new. Phone 189. Newmarket. c3w47

For sale - Quebec heater. In good condition. Medium size. Apply 18 Wesley St. c1w47

LOST

Lost - On Main St. on Saturday morning, set of car keys. Please leave at Era office. c1w47

Lost - On Main St. on Saturday, woolen scarf. Please return to Era office. c1w47

WANTED TO BUY

Wanted to buy - Good price paid for sound, clean fur bags. Please write what you have to offer. Phone 657, J. A. Perks, Newmarket, P.O. box 315. c1w41

FARM ITEMS

Wanted - Dead horses and cattle - For free pick-up phone Newmarket 79. We pay phone charges. Gordon Young Ltd., Toronto, phone Ad. 8639. c2w42

For sale - Quiet milking cow. Also some hens and pullets. Apply Arthur West, Holland Landing. c1w47

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Ministers Will Speak During Week Of Prayer

A week of prayer will be observed in the Newmarket churches the week of Jan. 5 to Jan. 9. The meetings will begin at 8 o'clock each evening.

On Monday, Jan. 5, at Trinity United church, Capt. E. J. Falls and Rev. Arthur Greer will speak on "Our Democratic Inheritance." This will be young people's night.

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the Salvation Army Citadel, Rev. Jos. A. Koffend will speak on "Why Pray?"

On Wednesday, Jan. 7, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Rev. Arthur E. Runnells will speak on "The Family and the Community." On Thursday at the Friends' Meeting House Rev. H. V. Muxworthy will speak on "The Call for Supreme Sacrifice." On Friday at the Congregational Christian church Rev. Burton S. F. Will will speak on "A Formula for Victory."

Been No Broadcast Like It Since—Pastor

"If there is no Santa Claus, then there is no world fit to live in," Dr. A. E. Runnells said at Trinity United church on Sunday morning.

There will always be a Christmas as long as there is a child with a toy," Dr. Runnells said. "Christmas means good-will. To put good-will in the place of bad will is our problem today."

"The first Christmas broadcast was by the angels, and there has never been another like it since," was one of the striking declarations from Dr. Runnells.

"The message first came to the peasants in the field. It is as fresh as when the angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good-will to men.'"

"Christ's teachings were hated as blasphemy. They struck a new note for mankind. Today multitudes of men and women are celebrating his birth."

JOHN KENNEDY DIES FOLLOWING STROKE

A former well-known resident of Newmarket, John Kennedy, died at his home in Ottawa on Dec. 20, following a stroke, in his 60th year.

Born in Newmarket, he was the only son of Mary Hogan and Michael Kennedy. He was foreman in the metal department of the Office Specialty Mfg. Co. here until about 13 years ago when he moved to Ottawa.

In his younger days, Mr. Kennedy was a lacrosse and hockey player of note, playing on a number of local teams. He was also a talented dancer and for some years conducted dancing classes. Mr. Kennedy was a Roman Catholic. In politics he was a Liberal.

The funeral service was held on Dec. 16, with interment in Ottawa.

Surviving besides his widow, Matilda Hampel, are two daughters, Mary and Helen, three sons, John, with the R.C.A.F., Francis and George, and two sisters, Margaret of Newmarket and Mrs. Wallace (Netta) of Birmingham, Mich.

Era printing costs little.

BIRTHS

Bradley—At Grace hospital on Thursday, Dec. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Sid Bradley (nee Cordella Crossberry), Zephyr, a daughter. Both doing well.

Holley—On Friday, Dec. 19, at St. Joseph's hospital, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holley of Weston (nee Doris Gee, formerly of Newmarket), a daughter.

Keller—At York county hospital, Dec. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keller, Newmarket, a daughter.

Rundle—At York county hospital, on Friday, Dec. 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rundle (nee Margaret Knights), Newmarket, a son, Robert Albert.

DEATHS

Broughton—At Bradford, on Sunday, Dec. 21, Janie Broughton, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Broughton.

Funeral service at her late residence, Bradford, on Wednesday at 3 o'clock, D.S.T. Interment Mount Pleasant cemetery, Bradford.

Burch—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Winters, Marmon, on Thursday, Dec. 18, Mary Amelia Burch, widow of the late Henry Burch of Sutton.

The funeral service was held at St. James' church, Sutton, on Sunday afternoon. Interment St. James' cemetery, Sutton.

Cane—At Newmarket, on Thursday, Dec. 18, Joseph Eugene Cane, husband of Myrtle Rowland, father of Mrs. George A. Beck (Grace) and Mrs. William F. Beck (Bernice), in his 82nd year.

The funeral service was held at his late residence on Saturday afternoon. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

Daley—At his home, 99 Prospect St., Newmarket, on Thursday, Dec. 18, Henry Stephen Daley, in his 84th year.

The funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon at the funeral chapel of Roadhouse and Rose. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

Lawson—At Newmarket, on Friday, Dec. 19, Elizabeth Irene Simpson, wife of W. B. Lawson, in her 65th year.

The funeral service was held Monday afternoon at the funeral chapel of Roadhouse and Rose. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

Manning—After a lengthy illness at her late residence, 90 Canada St., Hamilton, on Thursday, Dec. 18, Amelia Howard, widow of Alfred Manning, aged 86 years and mother of John of North Tonawanda, New York, and Mrs. Alfred Prince, Toronto, Miss Millie at home, and Mrs. Reginald Chadwick, Hamilton Beach.

The funeral service was held this afternoon at Hamilton. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

McNaughton—At the residence of her brother, Watson Elliott, fifth line of King, Kettleby, on Thursday, Dec. 18, Gertrude E. Elliott, wife of the late Colin McNaughton.

The funeral service was held at the residence on Sunday afternoon. Interment Kettleby cemetery.

Ramer—At Newmarket, on Friday, Dec. 19, Elizabeth Monkhouse, wife of the late Israel Ramer, in her 83rd year.

Funeral service at her late residence, 51 Timothy St. E., on Monday afternoon. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

Sluder—At Toronto General hospital, Sunday, Dec. 21, Maggie Ann Sluder, wife of D. Nelson Sluder of Bradford, and mother of Florence, aged 72.

The funeral service will be held in Toronto on Tuesday afternoon. Interment Mount Pleasant cemetery, Bradford.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mr. Henry Stephen Daley wish to thank their friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown them during their bereavement.

HOLD CHORAL SERVICE IN ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

A choral service was held in St. Paul's church on Sunday evening. Rev. Dr. T. H. Colton will preach the Christmas services.

Rev. G. H. Johnston, the new rector of St. Paul's church, will take up residence in Newmarket next Tuesday. The Sunday-school Christmas entertainment and supper will be held on Friday, Jan. 2.

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Friday, 6.45 p.m.—Crusaders' meeting.

Friday, 8 p.m.—Young People's meeting.

Honor God and He will honor you. Everyone welcome.

MRS. RAMER LIVED IN NEWMARKET 33 YEARS

A resident of Newmarket for the past 33 years, Mrs. Israel Ramer died at her home, Timothy St. E., on Friday, in her 83rd year. The funeral service is being conducted by Rev. J. A. Koffend this afternoon at her residence, with interment in Newmarket cemetery.

Palbearers are Sgt. Wm. E. Andrews, Sgt. Bruce Andrews, Roy Harmon, Albert Taylor, Fred Hoare and James Coltham. Elizabeth Monkhouse was born in Cumberland, England, and came to Markham with her parents when she was 15 years old. Over 50 years ago she married Israel Ramer of Markham, who died eight years ago. He came to Newmarket to work with the Office Specialty Co.

Four children are living. Abram, Portage La Prairie, Mrs. Wm. McGowan (Evelyn), Toronto. Mrs. Martha Sheyn and Ross, who lived with Mrs. Ramer. Two of six grandchildren, Marion Conchie and Margaret Shea, live in Newmarket.

A brother, John Monkhouse, Toronto, and a sister, Mrs. Thos. Ganton, Newmarket, also survive Mrs. Ramer.

Mrs. Ramer was ill for more than four months. She was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

WEDDING
GOUGE - LINK
On Saturday, Dec. 20, in the Church of the Messiah, Avenue Rd., Toronto, by Rev. W. R. Stroule, Dorothy Adele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Link, Island Grove, to Mr. Wm. George Gouge, R.C.A.F., Toronto, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gouge. They will reside in Toronto.

ELMHURST BEACH L. B. Pollock Is Ontario Fox Pelt Champion

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

—Miss Helen Brymer of the C.W.A.C. spent last weekend in Newmarket with her mother, Mrs. Clara Brymer.

—Mr. Jos. Dales, student at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, is spending the Christmas holiday with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Dales.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dales of Toronto and Mr. Robert Dales of Sault Ste. Marie, will be spending Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Dales.

—Miss Myrlda McCabe of Toronto spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Alex. Hughston.

—Mr. Jack VanZant, who has been sailing on the Great Lakes the past summer, is home for the winter months.

—Mrs. Alex. Hughston spent Tuesday visiting her mother, Mrs. Thos. Agnew, Tottenham.

—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bartholomew and daughters, Allene and Beverley, will spend Christmas Day with Mr. Bartholomew's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Bartholomew, Stouffville.

—Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Boyd of Toronto, who are home on furlough from China, will spend Christmas Day with Rev. Mr. Boyd's brother, Dr. S. J. Boyd, and Mrs. Boyd.

—Mr. W. G. Read of Peterborough will spend New Year's week with his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Bastedo, and Mr. Bastedo.

—Mrs. W. J. Bell and Miss Vera Bell of Ottawa will be Christmas Day visitors of Mrs. Bell's son, Mr. J. L. R. Bell, and Mrs. Bell.

—Mrs. J. L. Marrow, and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Cain, and baby, of Oak Ridges, spent Friday visiting Mrs. Marrow's sister, Mrs. A. D. Evans.

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EAST GWILLIMBURY Rural Branch Packs Fine Red Cross Bale

The ladies of the East Gwillimbury Red Cross Society met at Sharon Hall on Dec. 9 to pack the following shipment for headquarters: 28 large quilts, five crib quilts, one box of refugee clothing, five units No. 3, which consist of shorts, blouse, jacket, sweater, socks, for boys of four year size; 18 pairs boys' pyjamas, eight-year size; six women's dresses, one women's No. 9 unit, consisting of one knee-length coat, one skirt, two blouses; four baby coat and bonnet sets; 14 pairs, 12 pairs, 12 pairs, five army scarves, five turtle-neck sweaters, five pairs of plain seamen's mitts, four pairs of leather-faced seamen's mitts, four khaki helmets, three pairs of khaki gloves, five turtle-neck army sweaters, 25 pairs of army socks, one women's auxiliary scarf, one pr. women's auxiliary stockings, 16 prs. short seamen's socks, 12 prs. of long seamen's socks, one woman's auxiliary sweater, nine seamen's scarves, three helmets, one washcloth.

The annual meeting of the East Gwillimbury Red Cross will be held at Sharon Hall on Tuesday evening, Jan. 20, at 8 o'clock, D.S.T. It is hoped that there will be a splendid attendance.

Helpful Gesture, Anyway
Son—Pop, I wish you would help me with this problem.
Pop—Can't son. It wouldn't be right.
Son—Maybe not; but you could try.

NOT RIFE
"These eggs are very small," complained the housewife to her grocer.
"Straight from the farm this morning, madam," declared the grocer.
"That's the trouble with these farmers," she



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Social and Personal

Miss Bertha Andrews of the staff of Honeywood Continuation school arrived home on Saturday and will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Andrews.

Miss Marian Thompson, who is attending Victoria College, Toronto, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Thompson.

Mr. Harold LaValle of Toronto will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James LaValle.

Miss Hazel McBride of Moorefield is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orrie McBride.

Mr. Ed. Teasdale and son, Adrian, of St. Catharines, will spend Christmas with Mrs. George Teasdale, Sr.

Miss Catherine Seath of Toronto is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Seath.

Mr. J. C. Breckenridge of the high school staff is spending Christmas at Norwood, Ont.

Miss Dorothy Fleming of Toronto is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Fleming.

Miss Gladys Humphreys and Miss Lorna Arcott of the staff of Aurora high school are spending the holidays at London, Ont.

Among the social events held in honor of Miss Joan Dodson, who will be a bride of this week, have been a tea and shower by the girls of Barbara House, Toronto, and a shower by the Y.P.U. of Aurora Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce VanLoon and son, Bill, of Toronto, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davis.

Mr. B. F. Cox of Toronto was in town last Sunday.

C. S. M. and Mrs. David Walker will spend Christmas with Mr. and J. B. Walker.

Dr. G. A. C. GUNTON

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WITH THE CHURCHES

The annual election of officers of the Y.P.U. of Aurora United church last Monday saw Arnold Miller re-elected as president, with an executive of Bill Babcock, vice-pres.; Margaret Madren, secretary; Harold Oliver, treasurer; and Mary Bowman and Rachel Rank as pianists.

Convenors named were: fellowship, Beatrice Rothwell; culture, Anna Durfin; citizenship, Bill Griffith; missions, Isobel Miller; recreation, Edith Richards; social, Barbara Gilbert; Norma Matthew and Carol McNaught.

The mission band at Aurora United church held their annual election of officers last Monday afternoon with Barbara Bowman being named president.

A life membership pin was presented to the retiring president, Marian Cook, by Mrs. Roy Dela-Haye, president of the Y.P.U.

Rev. Roy Hicks installed the officers and Lorraine Fierheller sang. Other officers elected were: vice-pres., Elizabeth Devins; secretary, Barbara Seaton; treasurer, David Summers; World Friends secretary, Florence Bell; pianist, Jane Badger.

Mrs. C. Rouselle was again chosen as superintendent, with Mrs. Roy Fierheller as assistant. Miss Eva Lemon was elected president of the parochial guild of Trinity Anglican church at a meeting held at her home on Wednesday.

Other officers named were: 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Frank Graberg; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. A. Hazen; secretary, Miss Lily Bradbury; treasurer, Mrs. Stewart Patrick; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Maxwell Fines; hostess, Mrs. Martin H. Finewood; buyer, Mrs. Percy Brodie.

Art West of Newmarket, well-known North York dance maestro, is one of the new recruits to the Queen's York Rangers regiment.

Gordon Stephenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stephenson, was one of those to arrive in England recently with the fifth Canadian armored division.

Frank Chapman of the R.C.A.F. has been transferred from Dauphin, Man., to Trenton, Ont. He will take a special course in fire-fighting.

Sgt. James Watt, former Aurora boy and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Foster, Aurora, has been transferred from Trenton to Rockliffe, Ottawa.

Christmas cards in a smart green shade and bearing the crest of the regiment are being forwarded by members of the 1st Irish battalion to their friends. The Era desires to acknowledge receipt of cards from several of the boys of the Irish.

Arthur Sayers, secretary of the Aurora War Veterans' Association, and an employee of the T. Sisman Shoe Company, has enlisted again. He is now with the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps.

LAC George English of the R.C.A.F., Hagersville, is returning to camp this week after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest English.

Rifleman Ernest Ellis and Mrs. Ellis attended the Christmas party of the 2nd battalion, Queen's Own Rifles (Reserve), at Fort York armories last week.

Among the Aurora and district boys heard over the Canadian Broadcasting system on Saturday noon from England were Trooper G. O. Hinds of Aurora, and Gunner S. E. Cutler of Cedar Valley.

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Once again "The Quill," official publication of Aurora high school, has made its appearance at the close of the first term.

It is a 10-page publication, with Mary Bowman as editor, Bill Griffith is assistant editor. Sports writers are Jack McEwan and Norma Mathew, while Barbara Gilbert and Pat Sisman cover society items.

In the Quill tribute is paid to B. T. O'Brien of the staff, who left to join the R.C.A.F. in October, and to Pilot-Officer John Perry, a recent air force graduate, who last year was editor of the paper.

One hundred and two pupils who attended high school here since 1923 are listed as serving in all branches of the armed forces. The list does not go beyond that year but it is thought if a complete record were made available the list would number at least another 30 ex-pupils. This is a record of which the school may well be proud. There are to be commissioned officers in the group.

A short story, humor and poetry go to make this edition one of the best ever published at the high school.

CADETS AFFILIATE WITH YORK RANGERS

The Aurora high school board at its meeting last Tuesday approved the official affiliation of the Aurora high school cadets with the county battalion, the Queen's York Rangers.

The Aurora corps thus becomes the first high school corps in the county to be so affiliated. There is no financial involvement. The county regiment will assist the cadet corps in any way possible and will more or less take the school cadets under their wing.

The meeting bade farewell to Trustee H. L. Aldrich, who is leaving Aurora.

S.C.M. Conference Will Be At St. Andrew's

From Dec. 27 to Dec. 31 a national conference of the Student Christian Movement will be held at St. Andrew's College.

This will mark the 21st anniversary of the movement and representatives will be sent from all parts of Canada. G. R. Riddell of Toronto is conference chairman and Miss Dorothy Fleming of Aurora is secretary.

Speakers listed include Dr. Linton Pope, Yale; Prof. Gerald Cragg, Union Theological college, Montreal; Rev. Wilfred Lockhart, pastor of Sherbourne United church, Toronto, and Rev. Robert Macchie, world secretary.

On Sunday evening a group from the conference will be in charge of the service at Aurora United church. E. H. Clarke of Aurora is one of the early leaders of the movement and will take part in the ceremonies.

Public School Pupils Sing Christmas Carols

Aurora public school children, under the direction of Illyd Harris, delighted both afternoon and evening crowds with carol singing on Friday.

Principal John G. McDonald made short speeches were made by the chairman of the board, Dr. C. J. Devins, and Councillor Dr. G. A. C. Gunton.

Grades six, seven and eight performed in the evening and gave such favorites as Joy to the World, While Shepherds Watched, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Adagio Fideles, O Little Town of Bethlehem and Infant Holy.

Soloists were Lorraine Fierheller, Mary Komar, Vera Barkoy, Lillian Rose, Duenna Smith and Marguerite Calhoun. The scriptures were read by Betty Hodgins, Dennis Davies and Alice Wythe.

MARKHAM REACHES S.P.A. FINALS

Markham junior hockey team, who are grouped with the locals, have reached the finals of the S.P.A. series and will meet St. Catharines.

DOLL RAISES \$44

Reg. Wood, Yonge St., was the winner of the draw on the doll conducted by the Junior Red Cross of Aurora high school.

PUBLIC SCHOOLERS HELP WAR EFFORT

At the public school carol service on Friday evening Principal John G. McDonald announced that since September Aurora school children have purchased \$509.25 in war savings stamps.

The average attendance is 365 pupils. Last year the total for all of the school year was \$1,000. \$42 was contributed to the Christmas cheer fund for British war victims.

"Mark Declaration Of War On Evil On 25th"

"Christmas isn't just the lovely story of Bethlehem, of the guiding star and the little baby and the angels singing of the Prince of Peace," Rev. R. K. Perdue, of Trinity Anglican church, said in a Christmas message this week.

"Christmas is the date of the declaration of war — the war against evil," he said.

"Christ entered that conflict against dreadful odds. He lost the first few battles but He went on through blood and sweat and the vale of tears to final victory.

"In His victory He established the eternal triumph of good over evil. In His victory we can find courage and the strength to endure our lesser Calvaries."

"We have no other assurance of victory in our war but the conviction that it is His war."

"Will you come out to your church, no matter what denomination, on Christmas and pledge your support to our Leader?"

ENTERTAINS SCHOOL BOARD

Following the close of the last school board meeting Chairman Dr. C. J. Devins entertained the members at his home.

Mayor Frank Underhill, members of the high school staff, and Principal J. G. McDonald were also present.

WHITE GIFT SERVICES HELD

Sunday was white gift Sunday at all the local churches. In the evening a special candlelight service was held in Aurora United church and a carol service at Trinity Anglican church. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the Christmas pageant was presented.

LEATHER COMPANY ENTERTAINS EMPLOYEES

Employees of the Collis Leather Company and their families are being entertained by the firm at a Christmas party and dance this evening in Mechanics' hall. A large tree is being provided for the kiddies.

SIGNALERS WILL TRAIN DURING HOLIDAYS

The local signals corps of the Queen's York Rangers, who are mostly high school lads anxious to learn the intricacies of the Vickers machine gun and to catch up with their C company rivals, will take morning instruction throughout the holidays.

Capt. N. F. Johnson and Sgt. T. A. Hulse will be in charge of instruction.

SCHEDULE JUNIOR C GROUP NO. 1

Teams: Aurora, Etobicoke, Markham, Milton and Oakville.

Aurora Games: Dec. 29—Aurora at Markham Jan. 2—Oakville at Aurora Jan. 9—Milton at Aurora Jan. 12—Aurora at Etobicoke Jan. 16—Etobicoke at Aurora Jan. 23—Aurora at Milton Jan. 26—Markham at Aurora Jan. 29—Aurora at Oakville

Play-offs: First four teams to meet as follows, first place vs. third place, second place vs. fourth place. All series to be best three of five.

Nomination Meeting Will Be Held Dec. 29

Nominations for municipal offices will be held in Mechanics' hall next Monday at 7.30 p.m. At the close of nominations a public meeting will be held. All members of the 1941 council and school board will be nominated again, and among those who are also likely to be nominated are ex-Councillors Dr. E. J. Henderson and John Stuart, ex-Reeve L. K. Farr, Stewart Patrick, Ralph Grieves and Victor Jones. No word has been announced as to qualifying intentions by any of the above except this year's council and trustees.

NEARLY 100 RECEIVE RED CROSS AWARDS

Stafford Roberts, of Toronto presented 98 members of the War Emergency class, sponsored by Aurora nurses and the Aurora Red Cross, with the certificates of a ceremony held in the auditorium of the high school on Thursday evening.

Capt. Dr. C. R. Boulding, M.O. at Newmarket training centre, gave a lecture on air raid precautions and a squad from Newmarket camp, under the direction of Sgt. Major J. Green, gave a practical demonstration of the work. Mr. Roberts gave an interesting address on the work of the International Red Cross and told of the work being done for prisoners of war. One hundred and five persons started the course and particular tribute was paid to Mrs. Gordon Baldwin for work as convener of the group.

Aurora Lad Will Represent North York

Francis Cook, son of Councillor A. A. Cook, and a member of the executive of the Aurora United church Y.P.U., has been selected as member of the Older Boys' Parliament for North York.

Francis is a member of the 1st Aurora Boy Scout troop and a fine violinist. He is the youngest boy ever to represent the district in the boys' parliament. He will attend the sessions of the junior legislature, which will be held at Appleby College, Oakville, starting Dec. 23.

Aurora Lady Heads Regiment Auxiliary

A women's auxiliary to the 1st Hussars regiment, which includes many Aurora and district boys, has been organized under the direction of Mrs. W. T. A. Lambie of Aurora.

Mrs. Lambie's husband, Capt. W. T. A. Lambie, is the company commander of most of the Aurora boys. The local organization is a branch of the 8th armored regiment auxiliary, organized at regimental headquarters, London, Ont. The local branch will take an interest in the welfare of dependents of the men of the regiment, will knit socks and provide comforts for the boys overseas.

GOEMLEY TEACHER RESIGNS

Lambert Malloy, teacher at Goemley public school, has resigned his position to accept a school in Scarborough township.

RENT WELLS PROPERTY

Richard Pearce has rented the neighboring property on the second concession of Whitchurch, formerly occupied by Councillor Herbert Wells.

Aurora Boy Gets "Wings", Two Brothers Serve Also

Perry King, son of Mrs. W. C. King, received his "wings" on Thursday at No. 5 flying school of the R.C.A.F. at Brantford.

Perry is a graduate of Aurora high school and before enlisting was employed by the Bank of Montreal and was for some months at Newmarket. His twin brother, who is with the R.C.A.F. at Brantford, hopes soon to receive his wings, while an older brother, Lieut. William King of the Toronto Scottish regiment, is an instructor in small arms at Brantford training centre.

R. H. P. Gamble of Oakridge, son of R. C. Gamble of Oakridge, who resides on the estate upon which Bond Lake is situated, was a classmate of young King, and also received his wings.

DRIVER NOT BLAMED FOR YONGE ST. DEATH

A coronor's jury on Wednesday evening investigating the death of Felix Labatte, 82-year-old resident of Victoria Harbor, who was killed in an automobile accident at Nicol's hill on Yonge St., absolved the driver, Felix Vaillancourt, of all responsibility.

Vaillancourt told the jury that he could not account for the accident. "I pulled out to pass a truck, and the pavement was wet. When I swung back to my own side I lost control. I was in hospital for over ten days."

Dr. G. W. Williams, who performed the autopsy, said Labatte had died from shock rather than injuries.

Witnesses included Margaret Wilson, Arla Swales and Mrs. Arthur Bond, all passengers in Vaillancourt's taxi. They had not noticed anything before the crash. Vaillancourt had been driving carefully and not going "too fast."

Another passenger, Miss Bertha Labatte, is still confined to York county hospital. The crash occurred on Nov. 6.

Bert Budd, Newmarket photographer, and Traffic Officers Howard Jackman of Richmond Hill and Alex. Ferguson of Aurora gave evidence. County Constable Aubrey Fleury was in charge. Coroner Dr. C. J. Devins presided, with N. L. Mathews, K.C., for the crown.

The jury composed of Frank Underhill, Ralph Grieves, Frank Griffith, H. M. McKenzie and Henry Holder brought in a verdict absolving the driver and recommending that the pavement at that location should be improved.

"There is nothing to indicate what caused the accident," commented Coroner Devins.

Boys And Girls Give Xmas Concert Program

St. Andrew's church held its annual Christmas concert last Wednesday evening, with Rev. S. P. Hirtle presiding.

A trio of Barbara McCaichen, Vera Barkoy and Joseph P. Manton extended greetings to those assembled. Wm. McGhee was soloist. Billy McCaichen, Isobel Rogers and Mary Stocks gave Christmas recitations.

A trio of Dawson Brown, David Ferguson and Wm. McGhee gave a group of popular and seasonal numbers. Myrtle McGhee gave an instrumental number. Carols were sung by the pupils of Helen Sprague's and Mrs. Ed. Dalley's class. A play was given by a cast of Dawson Smith, Shirley Smith, Ethel Thompson, Myrtle McGhee and Vera Barkoy. A pageant, "The Christmas Message," was given.

Baptist Church Holds Christmas Concert

Rev. A. R. Park presided over the concert at Aurora Baptist church last week, which featured a kitchen band from Lorraine Gunton's class.

Two youthful performers, Frank Pattenden and Rosemary Gunton, were

EVERSLEY MRS. K. M. MUDGE IS STRUCKEN SUDDENLY

Mrs. Wellington Travis, Ernest and Dora, of Newmarket, called on their cousin, Miss A. A.

Ferguson, at "Scots Wha Hae" on Wednesday evening. The pupils of Eversley school put on a good varied program at their Christmas concert in the school Wednesday afternoon. It was a delightful community get-together, with mothers, some fathers and sisters filling the

back seats and declaring over the handiwork of the children. There was lots of fun in the program, and Santa Claus arrived, arrayed in a fine red suit bordered with white fur. He had a great head of bushy white curly hair and long white beard. He chatted happily with the children and gave them the thrill of shaking hands with Santa. Presents were distributed, each child providing a gift for another, so besides the box of candy there was at least one present for each, while the teacher's pile piled up.

Miss A. A. Ferguson gave her usual treat of puffed wheat candy. Art Bovair, chairman of Eversley school board, was chairman and interspersed the program with jokes. The ladies from Eaton Hall Farm were present.

On Sunday morning the Sunday-school pupils attended the church service and received their treat and prizes.

On Friday of last week Mrs. Mudge of the third concession of Whitechurch called on friends here and was strong and active. On Monday night, at her farm home, she suffered a stroke. When the doctor was called next morning he removed her to York county hospital, Newmarket, called her family, and when Gordon and Mrs. Gunn arrived she chatted brightly with each but within an hour she had passed away.

The funeral was held from Trinity Anglican church, Aurora, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. From there the remains were taken to the Crematorium in Toronto. Her husband, Arthur L. Mudge, died about five years ago.

Kathleen Mead Mudge lived on Crescent Road, Toronto. Mr. Mudge was an electrical engineer and was senior engineer in the building of the new Welland ship canal. Several years ago Mr. Mudge rented "The Pines," a cottage on T. A. Ferguson's farm, King, where members of the family holidayed, and became friends with the people of this community. Mr. Mudge then bought a farm two and a half miles east of Aurora. It was the scenic beauty of the farm that appealed to him and he had great plans for further beautification. After altering the house and barn he was taken ill and passed away in York county hospital, Newmarket.

Mrs. Mudge carried on the farm and was enthusiastic about it. At the time of her death she was ready to move to rooms in Aurora for the winter, hoping to return to her farm home in the spring.

Mrs. Mudge is survived by four children: Gordon Mead Mudge, an accountant in the Toronto General Trusts Company, Mrs. E. Congers Barker (Margaret), of Toronto, wife of a rising young artist, Mrs. Ross Gunn (Joan), wife of a grandson of the late Sir George Ross, former premier of Ontario, and Richard Laugh Mead Mudge, in the R.C.A.F., and expecting to go overseas shortly. There are two grandchildren, Katherine and Ross Gunn.

Mrs. Mudge was in her 64th year. She was an Anglican, an ardent Conservative, and a gallant lady.

fly to the kitchen to make up a few more delectable things we know the family enjoy. We



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CHRISTMAS WEEK
GOLDEN GLOW
What a busy time this is! There are a thousand and one lovely things to do, and we would like to linger over each one to get the last grain of enjoyment from every one of them.
But time goes relentlessly on, and in spite of early (as we thought) preparations, we find ourselves in a joyous whirl of last minute things that we "simply must do." And delightful letters, and cards and parcels keep arriving for all the family every day. Mysterious bundles are smuggled into the house, and tucked away under the spare-room bed, where the vacuum-cleaner is sure to find them; or put up on the top shelf of the pantry where somebody looking for the electric Christmas wreath finds it, and demands to know what the queer-shaped parcel is anyhow; or pushed away on a high shelf in a clothes-closet where something gets piled on top of it to the dismay of the one who put it there.
Comedy and tragedy are closely combined at Christmas! For instance, the small boy or girl who has had his nose pressed to a certain window downtown for weeks, gazing with longing at some precious thing they want above all else. Then tragedy! Christmas comes, and that one particular thing is not among their gifts, even if they did write a letter to Santa and ask for it! Then maybe they find their letter and realize that it had never reached its destination.
But there, we won't think of the tragic things, for we try so bravely in the face of a world at war, to keep Christmas sane and cheerful. The third Christmas with our boys away! We hope by another year we shall have them all safe home again, and what a Christmas celebration that will be! The very thought of it sends a warm glow through your whole being!
But I am getting away from what I was trying to say—all the hundred and one last things we find to do Christmas week. If we haven't finished our Christmas decorations, we take a bit of time for that. If we have a Christmas tree, we add a few more pretty things to it. If it is out-of-doors, we make sure the bulbs are all O.K. so it will be sure to light up at night. We

make sure the house-plants are looking their best, and are in no danger of getting knocked over. We put Christmas greens around and make evergreen wreaths to hang on each door, not forgetting the bows out of red crepe paper, cut into strips, and it does very well indeed.

If you want your Christmas tree to stay fresh and green, stand it in water, to which you have added a tablespoon of sugar. Then, as I've told you other years, to make "snow" for your indoor Christmas tree, take a large box of soap flakes, two scant cups water, whip up to suds and lay the suds along the branches. It keeps its shape for some time. For extra glamor, sprinkle a box of artificial snow over the suds. The tree will last longer as well as look pretty.

Then shall I tell you again about a Christmas bouquet. Just dip branches of any shrub in thick heavy starch, made as if for starching clothes, then, while wet, sprinkle with artificial Christmas snow. And I have another suggestion. You can keep a home-made evergreen wreath fresh for a longer time if you hang it between the storm-sash and the inside window. In fact, you could have a miniature Christmas tree standing between the two window sashes; even one with tiny electric lights and a tiny Santa Claus and his reindeer and it would look delightful.

Speaking of reindeer recalls the old, old riddle: "What four-footed animal comes down from the clouds?" "Rain, dear!" That is a good Christmas riddle, and as evergreen is the symbolic tree for Christmas, here's another old-timer: "What tree is most suggestive of kissing?" "Yew."

Now that isn't at all what I started to say when I was thinking of Santa Claus' reindeer, Dancer and Prancer, and something or other and Vixen, Dunder and Blitzen—well, of all things, I've forgotten their names! (I bet any youngster could tell me all the names in a twinkling.)
I saw them all the other day—all Santa's reindeer. Sure enough, cross my heart! And if you want to see them, go into Lindenbaum's, they are all there. And when I tell you that Mr. Lindenbaum's son, Harold, and Reg. Willis carved them out and painted them, and set them up there with old Santa himself driving them, you'll think just what I did, that they were a clever pair of young men! Up on top of the upper shelf, they are all round the store. They really are beautifully done, and would be a credit to a professional. It does really seem a shame that after Christmas they will have to come down, but I do hope they pack them away carefully so that they will gladden our eyes again next Christmas.

Christmas seems to be over so quickly! We have to be careful of electricity during war days, but the government has said we may use all the current we want for our Christmas celebration, so once more our lovely lighted Christmas trees will glow in our gardens, with their once-a-year flowers of colored lights, ruby and sapphire, emerald and orange, crimson and amber, with the lovely shining star on the very top.

How good the kitchen smells these days, with cinnamon and spice, sage and onions and mince pies, baked ham and gingerbread boys and girls for the children, with currants for eyes and for buttons on their coats, and a piece of cherry for a mouth—do take time, if there are children—to make little things like that for them, elephants of cookie dough, cinnamon potatoes of cream fondant, candy men out of gumdrops, fastened together with tooth-picks and all the rest of the things children love. Keep up their interest in every way you can. Let them feel they have their part too, in all the preparations, for Christmas is children's day!

Of course, the thought of war will be in the background of all our undertakings, but keep it well in the back for Christmas day at least, for the sake of the little ones. If you must talk war please don't do so during meal-time, where there are children present.

And as a last reminder, once more, do remember the poor birds, and see that they have a good meal on Christmas day too. I told you about hanging baskets in the lilac trees and on the rose-trellis, with covers over, except a place at each end for them to get in and out. You see, my doggie boy friends used to gobble up the birds' food, so I had to circumvent them somehow, and my new scheme works even better than the net bags I used last year, though I'll put them out again when the snow covers everything. You know the net bags you get your onions in—the birds can hang on by their claws and peck away at the suet to their heart's content.

I put the baskets up over a month ago to get the birds accustomed to them before the snow came, and believe me when I tell you I have great fun watching their antics. Try it out yourself, and you too will enjoy them as much as I do, and you'll be surprised how many different varieties of birds are attracted to your home. Already the cardinal bird has found us out, and of course the downy woodpeckers and nuthatches and chickadees, and some birds with buff colored feathers on their chests, not to mention the hordes of cute little sparrows and the greedy starlings.

There, if I get started on birds

YOUTH GROUP HOLDS FINAL MEETING FOR 1941

The last Youth Group meeting was held on Friday night in the hall. It was in the form of a social, with games and carol singing, and then a visit from Santa Claus. It was learned at the meeting that Candidate Verna Quinn is leaving. She will be greatly missed.

Refreshments were served and everyone, including Santa, enjoyed themselves to the full. The Youth Group will resume their meetings the first Monday in the new year.

SALVATION ARMY HOLDS ANNUAL XMAS CONCERT

The Sunday-school of the Salvation Army held its annual Christmas tree entertainment on Thursday evening. The capable chairman was Captain Ernest Falle.

The hall was filled to capacity and the tiny tots took everybody's eye in their numbers. To every recitation and dialogue there was a good moral.

Santa didn't forget the children and came, although the roads weren't very good, but

I'll keep on for hours, so I'd better not start. Just end up by wishing my readers, and Mr. and Mrs. Editor and staff a very happy Christmas and a glad new year.

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there's lots of snow up north, children and then gave out the Santa always keeps his promises gifts and each child in the hall and seems to have a way of his own. He shook hands with the orange.

BEST Christmas WISHES
... and it was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God Bless Us, Every One!
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DOWN THE CENTRE

Bradford, last year's intermediate A. champs in the O.R.H.A., have not as yet re-organized for the season and the fans are beginning to wonder if the Argos will function. They have lost Roy Collings to the army and Mickey Smith to Sutton. Nesbitt has moved to Toronto, the coach has been transferred from Bradford by his bank employers and Wes. Botham, defence stalwart, is in the R.C.A.F. and stationed at Galt. Judging from all that, it would seem as though there might be some cause for gloom.

For that matter, none of the teams from York county who functioned in the rural series, attended the annual meeting of the league held in Galt. Naturally enough, western Ontario teams again hold all the executive posts. There is no use using the crying wolf about executives being partisan if you don't get to the annual meeting and oust them. According to Botham, who observed the meeting as a spectator, Bradford was the goose that laid golden eggs for the association's treasury last year, judging by the statements of receipts from the play-offs.

Frank Baillie, the redhead Newmarket lad who rode as a member of the Aurora cycling club and then joined the navy, is stationed at Ste. Hyacinthe, P.Q., where he is taking a wireless course. High school hockey was organized this week in the Markham-Stouffville area, with a four-team loop composed of Markham, Stouffville, Agincourt and Scarborough. This is a pretty good idea and will be a nice feeder for Markham Juniors, who are fortunate in picking off a few from around home every year.

Markham, incidentally, are pretty cocky right now and think the group 1 in the bag. They signed a fair sort of player by the name of Phillips, who played with Etobicoke in B last year. With no teams in the east at all Markham can draw for players "all the way to Kingston," as Secretary Ab. Nighswander puts it, and they'll do that little thing too, if they can get the players. Overtures have been made, so we're told, to Ross Tunbridge by the Markies. Tunbridge is back from his trial with Marlborough and believe he will be with Aurora again. That was his promise, and he's the type of lad you can depend on.

A rift is apparent in the Markham camp between their intermediate and junior entry. The intermediates are run by some of the district lads and the juniors by homebrews and there hangs the story. The holding of the night before the intermediate A schedule was fixed up, gave the juniors first choice of the dates, which was fairly smart work.

Bob Bangay is the new coach of the juniors, replacing Ernie Lawrie. Bob is a smart player, but just over the age limit. We never saw it work out yet that a coach who had been a teammate of players under him could make good. Best example we recall is when Red Halstone took over the coaching of Queen's senior footballers. It's a tough job to try and convince a player you know all about it when you've played with him the year before. Brother Nick Bangay, Skipper Northcote and some of the others will not be listening too well, we can visualize.

Rowdway, the goalie, was not yanked the other night and Don Hamilton altered ed. The lad dislocated his hand in practice before the Paris game. They thought it was broken, but x-ray proved otherwise. We give you a tip. Hazzing will do no good against this fellow. Usually the visiting goalie is fair game for the crowd, especially those behind the ends. Rowdway, however, is a deaf mute, and has been so since birth. He deserves a big hand for his game-ness. There are not many youngsters who are similarly afflicted who have the fortitude to make good in athletics.

Stow Martin, the youngster who caught the eye of Rowntree at practice and then aligned with Etobicoke, is out for the season with a broken shoulder, sustained in practice. It was a tough break for the Cookies, who were counting on him. Reg. Singleton, who is said to have played for Winnipeg Monarchs last year, and whose parents have moved to Toronto (so "he said"), has signed with Etobicoke. Could he be this was one of the western Canada lads who came east for Marlborough and didn't click. The Toronto team have a good many strings to pull, because the fellows behind the club have been around quite a bit and know all the angles.

The group meeting passed off friendly enough on Wednesday evening at West End Y. with Milton not being represented. Nevertheless they were duly considered in drawing up the schedule by the other clubs, though naturally enough those who were there nabbled the dates they wanted. A double schedule was found impossible with five clubs to be considered. So a single schedule will be played, with four teams going into the play-offs and one eliminated. The evenness of all the teams should make for an awful battle to avoid elimination. Opening takes place on Dec. 29, with Aurora journeying to Markham. The first home game brings Oakville here and the schedule ends on Jan. 20.

Play-offs will be decided on a three-out-of-five series all the way through. The schedule was ordered finished for the play-offs on Feb. 12 by Secretary W. A. Hewitt. A new crop of referees will likely be seen this year to start with at least. Holmeshaugh, McCaffery, Hedges and others are pretty well tied up with senior games, while Ernie Worthington and Army Armstrong weren't in favor with many of the clubs. Among those listed were Max Scheff, Garney Large, Fred Heintzman, Eddie McPhan, Percy Allen, Bob Peters of Newmarket and Max Reesor. None of the clubs, however, will be forced to take the boys if they don't want them.

Friday night once again will be junior hockey night in North York, with Aurora booked to play all their home games but one on that date. Two clubs, Aurora and Markham, have not as yet picked their sweaters. Oakville have a patriotic red, white and blue motif. Milton wear yellow and black and Etobicoke red, black and white. Incidentally, those scarlet sweaters worn by Aurora in the S.P.A. were loaned by Headmaster Kenneth Ketchum of St. Andrew's college, a gesture that was greatly appreciated by Aurora officials. Markham are wearing white jerseys owned by Maple Leaf Gardens, in case of a sweater mix-up.

Xmas greetings have been reaching us from quite a few of the lads. We want particularly to acknowledge one from England from Irwin Brown of last year's Aurora Juniors, one from the east coast from big Wes Stephenson of the Irish, another from the west coast from our pals with the Duffs, one from Jimmy Lowe, and many others. As we write this it's a week away, so we hope to receive some more. We especially like those from the boys on active service.

Earl Rowe, former Conservative leader, and one of the best known trotting drivers and owners on the continent, recently bagged a 1,900 lb. moose. At least one arrived at the Rowe menage from Fergus, Ontario. There are few better sports than the fellow who is just plain "Earl" to about all of Simcoe and Dufferin counties, so we suggest you'll be more than welcome to a bit of roast moose if you're in the vicinity of Newton Robinson. By way of something different, too, Mr. Rowe out of his own pocket pays for a subscription to the local newspaper for every boy from his riding who joins the C.A.S.F.

As expected, Markham vanquished Milton and reached the final series of the S.P.A. against St. Catharines. The St. Kitt's youngsters outplayed the favored Owen Sound Greys. We are calling them to take Markham in the finals, which will mean Bill Jelley will likely be sporting an S.P.A. championship medal by Xmas. Markham pulled another fast one by trotting out Bobby Lynn, goal-keeper for Marlborough Juniors last year. Lynn is another over-age player. Milton were without star services of Jack Cox, their star forward. Evans, the Milton goalie, according to Oakville is weak on shots from the right side, and with this bit of news in hand the Aces came in from the starboard on every occasion.

Mervyn Broughton, who will be one of the spearheads of the Aurora attack this season, is receiving medical treatment "is week. The lad was an occupant of a car which had an exhaust pipe disconnection and the result was a flood of pernicious carbon monoxide to the cab of the car, which the boys were lucky to notice before it became more serious. Aurora high basketballers will have to move the junior team up to senior this year as the redoubtable famous five who won the title last year are no more. Harvey Fingold is in Cornwall, Howard Folliott in the R.C.A.F. along with Bob Burton. Ronnie Rawlings is working in Toronto, and Fred Pugsley is out of school, while the others are elsewhere. "Turkey" Davis, captain of the juniors and a valuable sub for the seniors, moved to Stouffville with his family and then left to take a war industry job in Toronto. Nevertheless there is plenty of good material on hand and North York Juniors can be depended upon to do another fine job. Richmond Hill will be no stronger, but Pickering should be better. Newmarket high school are expected to be back in the league. If they could field a hockey team there is no reason the Bastedo boys can't get some action on the courts.

Ted Sheridan, captain of the high school team a few years back, and a mighty fine performer, has graduated from Galt senior school and is now a full-fledged member of the R.C.A.F. Ted likes the work and the service and is the type of fellow calculated to serve his country well. Kris Kringle will soon pay us all a call (we hope), and if it isn't asking too much we would ask him to remember all our friends, and even those we aren't fortunate enough to class in that category. Denny, Ken, Jack, and all the lads of the Yorks have asked for "action"; Charlie Rowntree is asking for a nice slice of junior hockey championship pie. Having had his finger in it once, his appetite hasn't been the same since. He's been especially good this year, too, Santa, and he has come home to his old hockey address in case you've forgotten where he lives the past two years.

Jack Shihald has hung up a big stocking and nothing short of the intermediate A trophy will fill it. Bert Tunney has asked for leave home and in case he doesn't get it, we're asking for the very finest Christmas for him so he can bear up. The Charlies, we mean Malloy and Sparks, are asking for a return ticket to county council. Their boys have been especially attentive this year, and judging from all we hear are likely to be remembered. The same goes for their fellow council members.

A number of Aurora boys will see an Old Country Christmas. May it be just that too. That we can't lift one together is mutual, but we hope their cup of Christmas cheer will be overflowing. Jimmy Walker is praying for sweaters to cover his Aurora pucker-chasers. He hopes someone locally may hear his plea, if Santa doesn't. It's not long until the 29th either, so a gift by the 25th would be helpful. He's sent an extra note to Santa, too, via Ewart Plinder. To one and all we extend our Christmas wishes. May you then know the shadow of the light that may follow you safely; and the other fellow too! May we find that extra buck in our pocket to give Canuck's war effort a little extra push! May a full sports program carry on in Canada as a real V for Victory effort! May we learn that even in war as in sports, it's the one who can learn to take hard knocks

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Birthday greetings this week to:
Doris May Rush, Newmarket, 17 years old on Sunday, Dec. 21.
Ida Thompson, Holland Landing, ten years old on Sunday, Dec. 21.
Kathleen Edwards, Newmarket, six years old on Monday, Dec. 22.
Corra Werham, Holland Landing, 11 years old on Tuesday, Dec. 23.
John Duffield, Newmarket, 13 years old on Tuesday, Dec. 23.
Norman White, R.R. 2, Queensville, 14 years old on Saturday, Dec. 27.
Send in your name, age and birthday and become a member of the birthday club.

NORTH GWILLIMBURY
SUTTON FAIR RECEIVES
GRANT FROM COUNCIL

North Gwillimbury council met at Belhaven last Monday to wind up business for 1941.

All the members were present. Quite a number of rate-payers were on hand to settle 1941 tax accounts. It was reported at the beginning of the meeting that the heavy motor snow-plow engaged for the winter season had arrived in the township and was at work clearing some congested roads.

To avoid future trouble over accounts for work on roads it was decided that a notice should be drafted and published in the local newspapers to the effect that work done on the township roads without the authority of the road superintendent would not be paid for. It was thought that with a first class snow-plow in the township's service and away to a good start, the snow clearing problem should be well taken care off.

A delegation waited on the council regarding assistance for Sutton fair. They pointed out that it was desired to keep the fair from going into the discard until the war was over and shows could be resumed. To do this certain overhead expenses had to be met. A grant of \$50 was made.

An increase in relief and welfare accounts was in evidence, also a number of calls for more. These matters were the subject of close scrutiny and were discussed at considerable length. A by-law was passed confirming the 1941 assessment roll as amended by a further recent assessment as the assessment roll on which 1942 taxes should be levied. Another by-law provided for payment of the council and township officers for 1941.

The council adjourned and sat for a short time as a court of revision to deal with appeals and adjustments of the 1942 assessment roll. Following this council session was resumed and the following accounts were passed for payment: Chas. Rye, \$180; George Fairbairn, \$2; County of York, hospitalization, \$43.25; Jas. Stevenson, stamps, \$36; J. Harper, stamps, \$24; A. Wallinck, stamps, \$4.50; Village of Sutton, court rental, \$29.75; Newmarket Era, \$20.06; department of health, \$2.79; Dominion Safe and Vault Co., \$170; Walter Allen, \$6.50; H. H. Willoughby, \$8; A. Rye, \$2; M. Cryderman, \$10; Donald Woods, \$1; Norman King, \$2.40; Emery Willoughby, \$1.50;

Isaac Waldon, sheep claim, \$8; James Bartolini, \$5; T. Ardill, \$12.50; K. M. R. Stiver, \$49.25; Dr. Stevens, \$2; Toronto General Hospital, \$1; Ralph Sedore, \$15; F. Peel, telephone account, \$7.90; E. Winch, re tax sale, \$31.90; J. C. Williamson, \$2.75; Canada Bread Co., \$6; W. A. Hay, \$1.25; Carl Kellington, \$2.88; Dr. O. M. Beattie, \$26;

McGentry's store, \$61.96; M. O. Tremayne, \$2.50; Mrs. A. King, \$2; Harold McNeil, \$5; Carl Morton, \$112.50; Sutton horse show, grant, \$50; Road Voucher No. 12, \$1,481.75.

Board of health accounts: Dr. O. M. Beattie, M.O.H., \$153.50; Murray Munro, \$64.75; Lloyd Stiles, \$45.75; F. Willoughby, \$10.50; Ross McMillan, \$18; Fred Peel, \$16; selecting jurors, Ross McMillan, \$2; H. H. Willoughby, \$2; Fred Peel, \$2; council and township officers, Ross McMillan, \$125; H. H. Glover, \$125; John Smith, \$125; James Nelson, \$125; Chas. Graham, \$125; Erwin Winch, balance salary, \$200; Joseph Sheppard, truant officer, \$25; H. H. Willoughby, assessment for 1942, \$115.

Relief accounts included: township of York, \$6.66; township of East Gwillimbury, \$17.50; Sutton Dairy, \$10.90; Alex. Wallinck, \$8.80; E. P. Crittenden, \$30.45; Canada Bread Co., \$16.53; Frank Milne, \$7; Lyons' Meat Market, \$2.18; Cook's Bread, \$2.79; Archie Smith, \$9; township of North Gwillimbury, wood, \$42; Dr. L. W. Dales, \$10; F. Pugsley, \$9.75; Torrens' Grocery, \$20; J. Stevenson, \$31.98; Rowe's Grocery, \$8.02; Sam Hurwich, \$25.25; D. J. Davidson, \$51.88; R. J. Stork, \$15.97; Angus J. King, salary, \$10; trips to Toronto, \$10.

The council then adjourned until the first regular meeting of 1942. No election having taken place, the same council returns to handle the township's business for the coming year.

Maple Hill

An enjoyable evening was spent at the Sunday-school Christmas concert last Tuesday evening. A good program of singing, recitations and other musical numbers was given by the children. Lantern slides were shown on Scrooge's Christmas. All the children and young people received a prize and everyone received a bag of candy.

The interdenominational prayer meeting will be held on Monday evening at the home of Archie Sedore.

The children at the school put on their concert on Friday evening.

Pleasantville

Miss Sadie McQueen had Sunday dinner a week ago at the home of Mrs. W. Reid.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Howlett and little son, Douglas, had Tuesday evening tea with Mr. and Mrs. R. Howlett, Newmarket.

The Bogartown school concert on Dec. 18 proved a wonderful success. The doll drill by the boys created a big laugh and the cantata, "A Joke on Santa Claus," was well performed by all the pupils in it. The audience joined heartily in carol singing, conducted by Mrs. A. M. Colville, and Santa, in the person of Delbert Gibson, greeted the children, both young and old. Much credit is due the teacher, Miss Sadie McQueen, and the music teacher, Miss Harper.

Mrs. Gordon McClure presented 11 of the pupils with prizes donated by the Pine Orchard Institute, for questions answered on temperance, through the Sunday-school papers in October and November.

On Monday, Dec. 15, Francis Starr left for Montreal River camp, near Sault Ste. Marie, where he will be working for the next four months. This camp is operated by the government for those who are exempted from military service on conscientious grounds. Francis belongs to the Friends church.

Mrs. Douglas McClure had Tuesday evening tea at the home of Mrs. Gordon McClure.

The Union Sunday-school annual meeting met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Gordon McClure, with results as follows: superintendent, Jas. Hope; Bible class teacher, Elmer Starr; junior boys, Douglas McClure; junior class, Mrs. Jas. Hope; senior primer, Mrs. F. Sheridan; assistant senior primer, Mrs. Gordon McClure; girls' senior, Miss Sadie McQueen; assistant girls' senior, Mrs. Ralph Willis; secretary and treasurer, Stuart Starr; pianist, Betty Hope.

Mr. Dawson Petch of Charlton Station is visiting relatives in this district.

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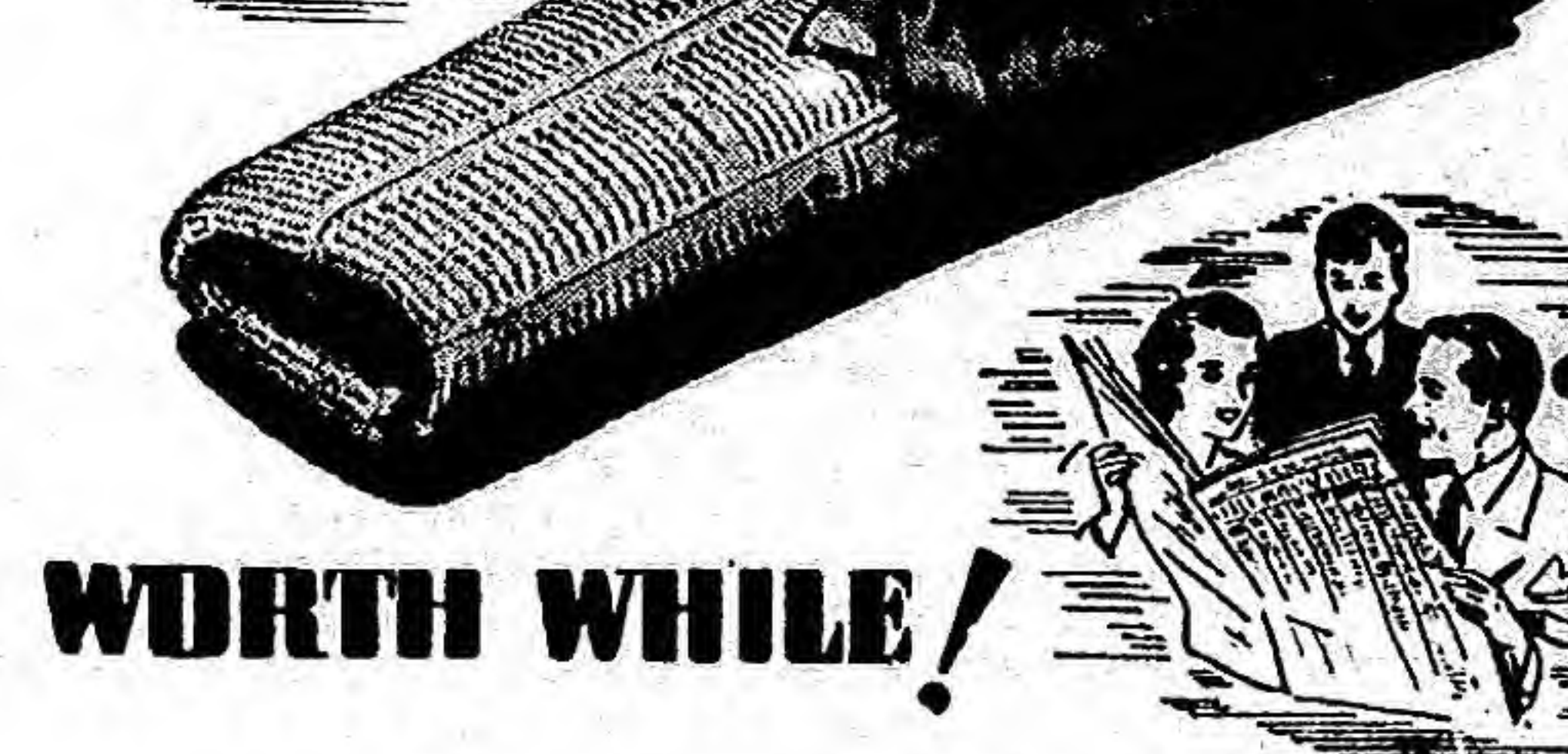
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Mr. and Mrs. Horace Pearson received a cable this week from their son, Sgt. Pilot J. B. Pearson, who is in England, saying he had received their letters and is well. This is the first news they have had since Jack left some time ago and it was very welcome.

Word has been received of the passing of Mrs. Marsh Stiver at the home of her daughter at Elgin, Man. Mrs. Stiver was a former resident of Mount Albert.

The United church choir held a social evening on Friday night, when they combined practice and decorating the church for Christmas with having a Christmas tree for themselves, along with lunch and a good time.

Everyone is invited to sing carols in W. H. Theaker's new chapel on Christmas eve, as this will be the opening of this fine new building.

The postmaster, Mr. Pearson, has greatly improved the inside of his office by paint and paper, which adds much to its appearance.

H. Leadbetter is about ready to move into his new apartments over his store, which have been renovated and will make a very nice home.

Miss Marjorie Moore of Winnipeg will spend Christmas at her home here with her mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robertson of Fort Erie are home for the holidays.

Miss Daisy Watts of Dunnville is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Watts.

Miss Porter of Welland is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. David Harwood.

The Mount Albert District Overseas Club is holding a concert in the hall on Friday, Jan. 2, when Sanford Y.P.S. will put on the comedy, "Dora Dean," and there will be a dance at the close of the concert.

Mrs. Broad has gone to spend some weeks with her daughter, Mrs. C. Pegg, at Smithville.

The library board realized \$21.45 from the sale of tickets on the turkey donated by Dr. and Mrs. G. W. F. Macpherson and won by Mrs. D. Butler.

The Rye family are holding a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allison.

Miss Jennie Oldham has moved to the home of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Butler are spending their holidays with Mr. Butler's parents in Oshawa.

CARELESS

Old lady (meeting a one-legged tramp on the street): "Poor man, you have lost a leg, haven't you?"

Tramp (looking down): "Well, I'll be darned if I haven't!"

TORONTO MARKETS

Butter, creamery solids, No. 1, were 33 1/2 cents a pound and creamery prints, first grade, were quoted to retail trade at 35 1/2 to 35 3/4 cents a pound on the Toronto markets on Saturday morning. Eggs, grade A large, were 21 cents a dozen, A medium, 20 cents, and A pullets, 20 cents a dozen on a cash basis, delivered to Toronto sales.

Nominal prices to the shipper for poultry were: young turkeys, 10 pounds and over, 30 to 31 cents; young geese, over eight pounds, 20 cents; spring broilers, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 pounds, 24 cents; spring chickens, 2 1/2 to 4 pounds, 19 cents a pound.

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AN APPEAL—As many thousands of our Armed Forces will move during this period, the Railways appeal to the general public to travel early and avoid the usual congestion.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL

POLLOCK FOXES TAKE PROVINCIAL HONORS



Lloyd B. Pollock, Elmhurst Beach silver fox breeder, carried off most of the honors last week at the Ontario Fur Breeders' Association annual pet show in Toronto. He won the grand championship for silver fox pelt, two reserve championships and eight of the ten other silver fox trophies awarded. Above appears one of Mr. Pollock's fine show animals of a couple of years ago.

FLYING THROUGH HOSTILE SKIES CANADIAN EDITORS REACH ENGLAND

This is an article written following a flight to Great Britain, by Hugh Templin of the Fergus News-Record.

The first close contacts with war came at Bermuda. Because of bad weather at the Azores, the Dixie Clipper turned back during the night and the first six Canadian editors spent over a day on that island. Not only are there two naval bases on the islands, one British and the other American, but the big American PBX flying boats (Catalinas, the British call them), took off regularly every two hours or so to patrol the nearby ocean. It was obvious that the U.S. navy was definitely in the war even then. During chance to see several ships of my stay in Bermuda, I had a that navy.

The first hint of personal danger came when we returned to the customs office on one of Bermuda's little islands. The word went out that our luggage was to be searched, because there was a danger that someone in Bermuda might have secreted a bomb among our clothing and if one of them exploded while the clipper was in the air, it would be just too bad. One of my bags had been broken open during the time I was in Bermuda, so I insisted on a thorough search of its contents. There was no bomb, and nothing seemed to be missing.

A First Grim Example of War

The first grim example of a world at war came the morning after the clipper had left Bermuda. I awakened and stretched in my comfortable berth, and then looked out the little window. Eight thousand feet below there was a great patch of oil upon the water, with long streaks out towards the west. Nearby, two little lifeboats floated on the great expanse of ocean. From that height, they appeared to be empty, but perhaps I was mistaken.

I wondered what to do. No doubt the crew, watching all the time, had seen the same thing I had discovered. What would they do about it? Anxiously I watched the shadow of the motor on the wing to see if we would circle and offer aid, though just what the clipper crew could do seemed uncertain. Later, I learned that the radio operator had sent word to an American destroyer, which was already on its way to give help, after receiving an S.O.S. call. I never knew the name or nationality of the steamer, or the fate of the crew.

In Touch With the Enemy

At Lisbon, we came in closer touch with the enemy. Portugal is neutral. It may be that the warring nations find it to their advantage to keep the country that way. Lisbon is full of spies of all nationalities, refugees, people who once had money and now have none, gangsters who would make money out of the war. To that port only, in all Europe, American ships and planes have been allowed to go. The feeling of tension and intrigue soon becomes apparent to every visitor. There is a saying that "Germany doesn't even need to invade Portugal; Hitler can take the country by telephone any time he likes." That is partly German propaganda, but it doesn't make a stay in Portugal any more pleasant. Those who go to Lisbon now are not on holidays.

Our stay in Lisbon while on the way to England was brief. It was midnight when our group cleared the Portuguese customs. Out in a tiny courtyard, taxi-drivers pushed and jostled and shouted in a strange language. The British embassy people got us placed in a big car, supplied us with Portuguese escudos and sent us away to the Estoril Palace.

That 15-mile drive to the seaside resort of Estoril was the most exciting of my life. It was, perhaps, a taste of things to come. Most Lisbon streets are narrow but two cars can pass with care. But there is an added complication when there is also a street car running down the centre. In places, an automobile could not pass a street car. That did not seem to worry the driver. He would go at 60 or 70 miles an hour until he saw a street car coming; then he would jam on his brakes and turn into the nearest side street. Once he barely made the turn, running up on to the sidewalk. After the street car had passed, he backed out again and continued on his way to the hotel. It is said that

Lisbon taxi-drivers have just one accident—their last. The porter at the hotel collected our precious passports and assigned room numbers, while sleepy waiters served our first European meal, which was excellent. B. K. Sandwell and I went up to our rooms in the elevator with a German and an Italian.

An International Airport

I was away again, long before daylight, to Cintra airport. The Portuguese farmers must have spent hundreds of years building stone walls along the roads, and it was a foggy morning but this time the taxi-driver was cautious and crawled along over greasy pavements.

In a Europe at war, Cintra airport is surely a unique place. Out on the field stood three planes, one Dutch, one Portuguese and one Spanish. The Spanish one looked as if it would not lift off the ground; the Dutch plane was heavily camouflaged.

Inside, the ticket offices of the British Overseas Airways and the KLM (which is the Royal Dutch Airlines) are on one side of the hallway, and the Lufthansa (German) and the Italian Lines on the other. The passengers all go out to the field through the same doorway and are weighed on the same scales, in kilograms. A young Portuguese served us tea and cakes. He spoke English. He lived three years in New York and went to school there, but he still had a grievance against his teacher. She did not know that Portugal was a separate nation. She insisted he was a Spaniard. No wonder it rankled.

A deep ditch separated the airfield from a sheep pasture. On one side were the planes, backed by a group of ultra-modern buildings. On the other side was an old shepherd with a staff and long flowing robes. As he walked, he called to his sheep and they followed him. He might have stepped right out of the Old Testament. Behind him, the mountains of Portugal were tipped with sunrise pink.

Flying Over Portugal

I was glad when the plane rose from the bumpy runway of the Cintra airport and left the soil of Portugal behind. Somehow the air seemed more free and more safe, though really it was a dangerous trip that lay ahead. The Dutch crew looked like movie boys, but they said they would reach England at three o'clock that afternoon and they brought us down at one minute to three. There is no waiting for perfect weather on that trip; the planes run at a time schedule.

Grattan O'Leary and I sat in the front seat of the Douglas. The Ottawa editor slept much of the time, but I was interested in the almost perfect performance of that young crew, taking a land plane on a long sea voyage. I could see the altimeter and I knew with what skill they flew their Douglas through the dangerous air opposite the unfriendly coast of Occupied France.

As long as we travelled beside the coasts of Portugal, the plane stayed low and I could see the little white houses with their red tiled roofs, the white stone fences along the roads, the churches on the hills, and an occasional city. Near Oporto, we came in over the swampy coast and landed on an airport which was little more than a pasture field. While the Douglas was being refueled, a train of tiny cars drew up beside a sugar refinery not far away. Along the borders of the airport was a stream. At a broad pool, Portuguese women were busy doing the family washing, beating the clothes on the stones and hanging them to dry on the bushes growing along the bank.

Over the Ocean in a Land Plane

The route after leaving the northwest corner of Spain is probably a secret and no doubt it varies somewhat with each trip. We no longer flew low, but so far above the clouds that they looked like the Prairies in winter—an even, glaring white. The pilot chose a height of more than two miles above the water, and after that the altimeter needle never varied for hours at a time. It was a little too high for comfort. Looking down at my finger nails, I saw that they had turned a bright blue, and there was a numbness in my hands and feet. That wasn't important then. Far more important was the fact that an enemy plane could have been seen 25 miles or

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SEASON'S GREETINGS to One and All

more away against that snowy background. It is said that planes have been molested on that route, but none has ever been lost.

At noon, one of the Dutch boys gave me a box lunch and a light tray. The lunch was huge, but so was my appetite. There was a large cut of some kind of fowl, which intrigued most of the Canadians. One editor ventured the opinion that it was ostrich. Possibly it was a Portuguese turkey. "All in the front line now!"

Before the British Isles were in sight, the windows of the plane were covered with locked shutters and the passengers saw nothing of the land until the plane came down with scarcely a bump on British soil.

I stepped out into the sunlight and looked around curiously. The low buildings were camouflaged. Walls of sandbags were built in front of the doors and windows. A big Wellington bomber, the first one I had ever seen, was taking to the air and passed over my head. The buildings of a city showed over a low hill and above the hill floated several barrage balloons. They looked exactly like photographs I had seen so often—from that distance like silvery hot-dogs in the sky, with a piece of the sausage hanging out one end of the bun.

This was our first sight of England in wartime! We were "all in the front line now!"

Chinese patient (on telephone): "Doctor what time you fixee teeth for me?"
Doc: "Two-thirty—all right?"
Chinese: "Yes, tooth hurty, all right, but what time you fixee?"

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